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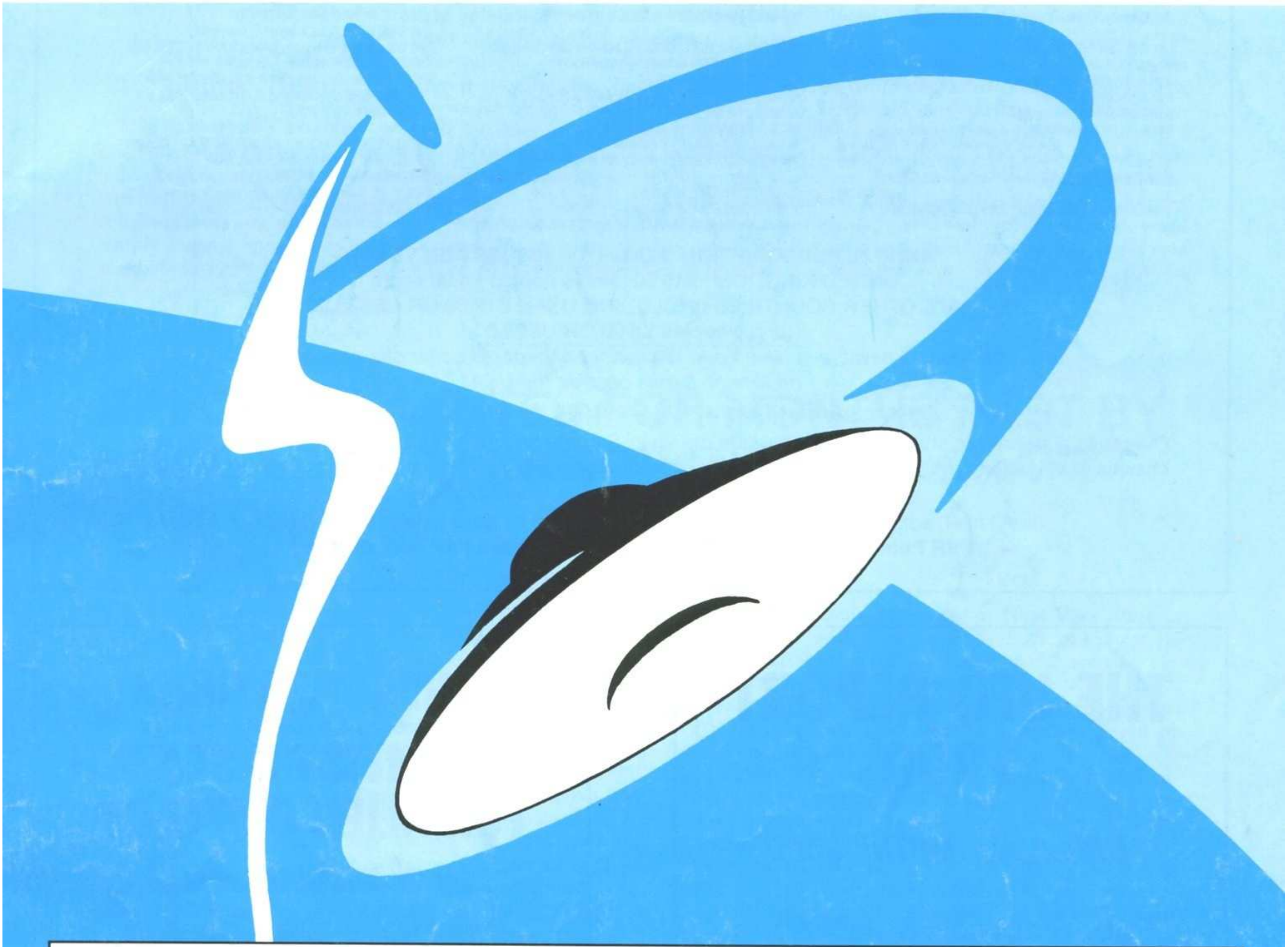

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"VERMIN"

ONE of our more perceptive correspondents insists on calling the alien critters he has met *"Vermin"*, and, on the basis of what we ourselves have heard about the alleged activities of a great many of them, one has to admit that this seems to be an excellent term and one that deserves to be adopted widely. We ourselves like it, and intend to use it.

But, when employing such terminology we must always keep present in the forefront of our minds the possibility — nay the absolute certainty — that this vast Cosmos must also harbour plenty of beings of an altogether different and higher sort.

For us, then, the big question is probably this: *"Are there any of these higher sorts in this particular 'neck of the woods' where we humans have our abode?"*

Let us fervently hope that there ARE such. (And maybe the recent launching of the splendid Hubble Telescope will help us to find a speedy and positive answer to our question!) While we think it is highly *unlikely* that the source of our nasty UFO "vermin" is extra-terrestrial, it is not at all difficult to visualize that all the highest types of cosmic intelligence assuredly will be "from out there", although, of course, it is also by no means certain that *Homo Sap* would necessarily possess the requisite faculties or instruments for detecting their presence. If we have only been *programmed* to detect and recognize life and intelligence up to a certain level, then it is easy to see what sort of problems might confront us. For example, any truly higher intelligences might well consist of a more subtle atomic structure which — while "physical" enough — might nevertheless always remain totally invisible to us. Indeed every religious tradition of mankind does indicate clearly that the higher categories, such as the *Angels* (this Greek word simply means *"messengers"*) are not normally visible to human eyes. *But there is plenty of evidence of their work and their abiding presence. Let every one of us remember that, and cling firmly to it in the extraordinarily grave times which lie ahead for mankind.*

BELGIUM HAUNTED FOR MONTHS PAST BY HUGE LOW-FLYING TRIANGULAR CRAFT

Gordon Creighton

WE have recently noticed several interesting Belgian items which, somehow or other, have managed to get into the British press, and we reproduce the texts of them below. The impression given, particularly by the last of the three pieces, is that something decidedly odd has been going on or over Belgium at least since early November 1989. (And maybe since earlier than that.)

Throughout the entire history of the "UFO Phenomenon", we have constantly seen reports of enormous craft — sometimes shaped like "airships" and "dirigibles" (as in the American "Wave" of 1896/97) or like "cigars" as in the famous Adamski story as published in 1952. *And not only in Adamski!* For there were similar reports of "cigar-shaped air-craft, from Europe, and Britain, and Russia, and India, and South America, and Australasia and the U.S.A., throughout the 1950s and 1960s. Many, many of these reports have appeared in FSR during the course of its 35 years of existence. (The largest thing ever reported, I believe, was a "something" reckoned to be at least ten miles long, over Kansas, during the 1950s or 1960s.)

We have neither the time nor the space available to say more now about those earlier years. But, coming on to more recent times, readers will recall that, in FSR 29/3, the Rev. Donald Thomas described (p.15) an enormous low-flying craft which had crossed a road in Oxfordshire at about 11.30 p.m. on September 23, 1978. In FSR 30/2, we reported a case, supplied by APRO, of an enormous craft seen over Alabama in February 1983. In FSR 30/3, and again in FSR 31/3, we reported on the huge triangular or *"Boomerang"* craft seen by many observers in New York State in March 1983 and later. In FSR 30/5 (p.15) we reported a simply enormous "cloud craft" seen by airline pilots over the north-western part of the USSR. In FSR 31/1 we published Antonio Ribera's account of a huge "boomerang" seen by him over Spain on December 3, 1984.

In FSR 32/1, we published J. Plana Crivillén's account of the tremendous "thing", apparently about 9 km. in diameter, which spent a great deal of the night of November 29, 1985, over the N.E. Spanish Province of Cataluña. In the "Stop Press" section of FSR 33/1, we made brief reference to the reports of huge triangular craft allegedly seen over Plymouth and areas of Devonshire on the night of August 4/5, 1987, and of the vast, low-flying, faintly humming object, *"as big as a football field"*, seen over Nottingham on the evening of December 10, 1987.

But we have no space available for closer discussion here of these earlier cases. Any reader who has a full set of FSR can see for himself or herself how extensive the evidence is. At the present moment, the only useful comment that one can make is to point out that the reports of the very big craft *not only seem to be getting more numerous, but that they appear to be flying ever lower and lower.*

Long before the first American *"Stealth"* bomber had ever flown on its first trial flight (July 17, 1989), vigorous attempts were already being made to "prove" that all these reports related to that super-costly new machine!

(In the particular case of Belgium, we can easily imagine, can't we, that the foolish Americans would be

happy to risk their tremendously expensive new machine by flying it, night after night, over a period of at least four or five months, just above the chimneypots and the roofs of the houses in Belgium!)

The truth — alas — is, as we all already feel in our bones, SOMETHING VERY, VERY DIFFERENT.

All the signs are that extraordinary happenings probably lie ahead, just in the next year or two, and that the nature of those events is probably very well known indeed to our Governments. FSR will continue to endeavour *(on the basis of some material which will nevertheless remain unpublished)* to hint at the course which events seem likely to take. However one views these matters, the times are grave for our species.

Inevitably, this has to be a very hasty and incomplete piece of reportage, and we crave indulgence.

As regards the *British* press, as stated above we have seen in it so far only three references to these extraordinary goings-on in Belgium. By way of introduction, we give below the full texts of the three British reports.

Then, to supply the general foundation for the "Belgian Story", we conclude with a full translation of a masterly report on it which appeared in issue No. 300 (November/December 1989) of our splendid French contemporary, LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT. No doubt the next issue of LDLN will carry an equally detailed chronicle of later events in Belgium, and we look forward to reading that 'next instalment'!

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A. THE THREE BRITISH PRESS REPORTS

1. From the *Glasgow Herald* (11 April, 1990) by John Fraser

Flying saucer fever grips Belgium

Belgium has gone UFO daft with more than 700 sightings of a flying object which is larger than a house. Witnesses in the latest incident last weekend have included 18 gendarmes.

Two Air Force F16 fighters were scrambled to investigate the UFO, but it was not detected by radar.

The interest in UFOs has become so intense that this weekend will see a special Easter vigil, with thousands of people scanning the skies for visitors from space.

Video film of the unidentified object has been screened on Belgian TV. It was taken by amateur photographer Mr Marcel Alfarino, 42, from the window of his house in the centre of Brussels.

"The first time I saw the UFO we were watching TV at home, and went into the kitchen," he said.

"We saw bright lights outside the window. I called the police, but they arrived too late.

"The next time I was ready with my video camera at the top of the house.

"I spotted it at about 2am, coming from the South Station, with three bright lights. It made a hissing noise, but seemed to glide effortlessly.

"It was shaped like a grey metal triangle with three bright white lights, and little red and green lights at the back."

Eighteen Gendarmes have also confirmed the latest sighting of the UFO, which disappeared after two Air Force F16 planes were sent to investigate.

The Belgian Society for Studying Phenomena from Space is organising a weekend vigil for UFOs, in the hope that more film evidence can be obtained.

2. *Eastern Daily Press* (Norwich), 16 April, 1990.

UFO fever

Belgium is gripped by flying saucer fever, with lookout teams spending Easter weekend hunting for unidentified flying objects. UFOs have been reported in the south of the country over the past four months. Belgium's Society for the Study of Space Phenomena organised a weekend watch with observers at 20 vantage points and the Belgian air force providing radar back-up. Early yesterday 10 scientists and observers took off in a plane to search the skies for an hour after reports of a luminous object. They found nothing. "But that doesn't mean there wasn't anything," a spokesman said. The watch goes on until tomorrow.

3. *Financial Times,** London, (18 April, 1990).

Flying triangle has Belgians going round in circles

The Belgian air force has been on alert for three nights running, writes Lucy Kellaway. Two Hawker Siddeley aircraft equipped with infra-red cameras and sophisticated electronic sensors have been patrolling the skies. Down below, the Belgian police force has kept a constant watch, helped by more than 1,000 concerned civilians. Along the border with Germany, 20 lookout posts have been set up. Their target: an Unidentified Flying Object.

Since December, there have been 800 reported sightings, and even though some resemble a lamppost more closely that a UFO, many of the others are being earnestly examined by SOBEPS, the Belgian Society for Studying Spacial Phenomena.

More surprising is how seriously the army is taking the whole thing. For the time being it says it is viewing the matter as a "technical curiosity", as the intruder has shown no aggressive signs. Should it turn nasty, it will be a different matter altogether.

The Easter operation was meant to be a world first, a confrontation between earth-bound defence forces and a UFO. The world's television crews camped out on a chilly Ardennes airfield to get the first pictures.

But the event made rather poor viewing. Several times the UFO was "seen" from the ground, but each time the aircraft got there too late, in one case missing the mystery intruder by just three minutes. To make matters worse, the cloud was low, the weather change-

able, and the UFO tended to hover just above the rooftops, too low to be confronted by an aircraft.

The pilots, sworn to secrecy until the Defence Ministry has had time to watch the video evidence, seemed to have little to report, and could not confirm rumours of all kinds of irregular blips on their radars.

Far from declaring the operation a failure, the UFO-obsessed Belgian media appear more convinced than ever that there is something odd hovering over the peaceful countryside of Wallonia. Scientists on the ground appear in the past few days to have produced a clear image of the object, which is said to correspond to the reports of eyewitnesses. It is a triangle 30m-50m in diameter, with red, green and white lights at the corners, 10 times brighter than any star. It has a convex underbelly and makes a sharp whistling noise.

Belgium may not quite yet have found its UFO. But it has found a nice new use for its air force now that its services are needed less and less by earthlings.

* To very many people the appearance of such a report in the *Financial Times* — of all places! — has seemed quite astonishing. When I mentioned this recently to a journalist who is on the regular staff of *The TIMES,* and used also to be with the *Financial Times,* his comment was interesting. He said that of all the top-quality London newspapers today, the "FT" is by far the most bold and most independent in expressing its views. — EDITOR FSR.

B. THE UFO "WAVE" OF NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1989 OVER EASTERN BELGIUM

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***(Translation from French.* G.C.)**

From LUMIÈRES DANS LA NUIT No. 300 (November/December 1989).

1. November 7, 1989. PRELUDE TO THE "WAVE". ESNEUX (BELGIUM) (10 km. S. of Liège).
   Two Esneux gendarmes, Patrick Bertrand and Roger Joie saw, at about 2030 hrs., an "enormous" object at an estimated distance of about 1 or 2 kilometres, with two very powerful white lights directed downwards and "a sort of green and red garland". This phase lasted for about five minutes.

   Twenty minutes later, near Dolembreux, they saw the thing again, but this time with its two "headlights" switched off. It was moving very slowly, and horizontally, and they tried to follow it. It was only about 600 m. from them. At one point they stopped their car in order to listen, but could detect no sound made by the object. (The report which they compiled after this sighting was to assume an unexpected importance three weeks later.)

2. November 29, 1989. Area N-E. of VERVIERS (BELGIUM)
   The evening of Wednesday, November 29, 1989, was marked by a very large number of sightings reported from this area of Belgium lying to the E. of Liège and not far from the Belgian/German frontier. The very complex events of this evening also acted as a sort of trigger and drew the spotlight of attention on to a particularly intense localized "wave" that had started well before the end of November.

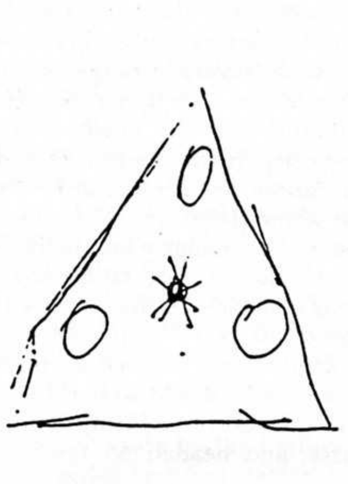
   A massive documentation on this evening is now available, provided (December 18, 1989) by the SOBEPS UFO RESEARCH GROUP of Belgium; by Patrick Vidal, the LDLN representative in the Benelux Countries; and by a whole host of LDLN readers who wrote in to us separately.

   According to SOBEPS (avenue Paul Janson 74, 1070 Bruxelles) they possess 39 firm sighting reports for that one evening, and they give the names of no less then 31 of the witnesses. Patrick Vidal's three reports contain two more names, making a grand total of 41 witnesses for that one night, 33 of them named. The witnesses include six gendarmes and one customs official — all named.
   For the two months of November and December 1989 the number of eyewitnesses in this same region of Eastern Belgium was not less than 200. One witness saw one object releasing two other objects (identical). However, not a single one of these reports was of an object that was *near,* and not one was of a *landed* object. But in their general details all the reports do fit together very closely indeed.

The Details of the Sightings

At 1713 hrs. a motorist driving from Eupen to Eynatten (between Kettenis and Merols) saw, towards the NE, between Eynatten and Raeren, a flying object with very bright lights.

At 1730, halted by the red traffic lights at Merols, the driver rolled down a window, but could detect no sound from the UFO.



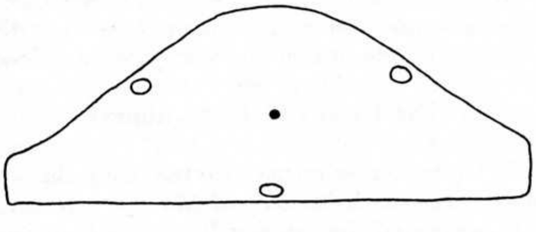
Already, at 1724 hrs., two Eupen gendarmes,* Heinrich Nicholl and Hubert von Montigny, patrolling National Motorway 68 between Eupen and Eynatten, had seen, in the vicinity of the "Grosse Welde" farm, powerful lights shining on the meadows beside the road. The vivid glow seemed to be coming from a stationary "platform" which was almost right above their van. This "platform" was a triangle with three big white lights and a sort of flashing reddish-orange revolving light (of the rotating "lighthouse" type).

Suddenly the object moved off, heading towards the NE. The two gendarmes drove on to Merols to watch it, but then it headed off towards Eupen and the SW. The time was now 1730 hrs. The gendarmes set off after it along a small connecting road.

At about the same time, another gendarme, Gunther Justen, of the frontier post at Eynatten, saw two or three very powerful white lights travelling apparently at about 60-70 km.p.h., and at a height of only 10 m. or so from the ground, and at a distance from him of only 500 m., and heading towards Eynatten from the direction of Germany.

Meanwhile, the first-mentioned motorist who had been going from Eupen to Eynatten at 1713 hrs., was now on his way back to Eupen. And he saw the object again, with three powerful round lights, "forming, as it were, an isosceles triangle, with a wider base". Behind, there was a red light, flashing at a rate of about once every two seconds. The object was heading for Eupen, but then made a turn when over that town.

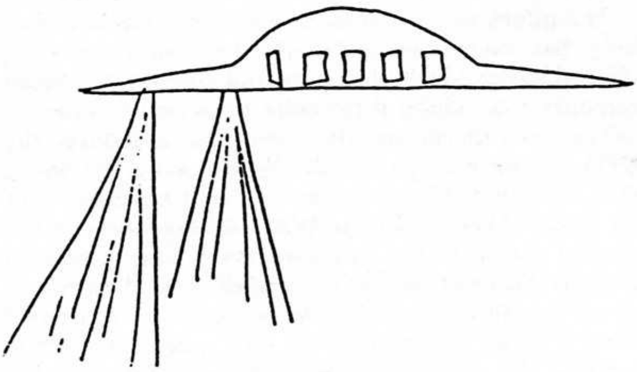
Meanwhile, at 1730, two people near the point where the rue Pavée and the rue de Verviers intersect (in Eupen? G.C.) saw, towards the NE, an object with three powerful lights, curving off towards the dam at La Gileppe.



This object passed over the rue de Verviers at a height of scarcely more than ten metres above the rooftops of the houses. It was a very clearly discernible triangle, with several orange-coloured vertical rectangular portholes on its upper part. In front it had two lights illuminating the ground with the same blinding luminosity. In the middle, it had a red light that flashed at about one-second intervals.

Roughly at about 1800 hrs, Monsieur Jean-Marie Demoulin saw three circular white lights moving from Kettenis towards the railway station at Eupen. At the front there was what looked like a thin rounded rim. Estimated speed: 60 or 70 km.p.h. Monsieur Demoulin opened a window and listened as the object passed over his house, and he heard something "like a slight noise of wind". Over the railway bridge the thing changed course, and headed off towards the Eupen town-hall

Meanwhile, as they had had their sighting, the gendarmes Nicholl and von Montigny had reported it by

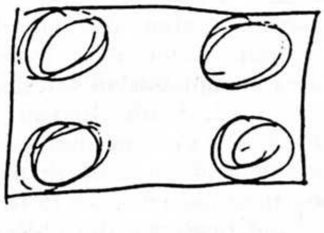


radio to Albert Creutz, their colleague on duty in the Eupen Gendarmerie Headquarters. They themselves had given up their pursuit of the thing at a place called Kortenbach, near the village of Membach, and from there, at about 1800 hrs, they saw the thing travelling towards the dam at La Gileppe.

Gendarme Albert Creutz, from his point of observation, also saw it going in the same direction. He made radio contact with the Army Camp at Eisenborn, the Air Force Base at Bierset, and the meteorological stations.

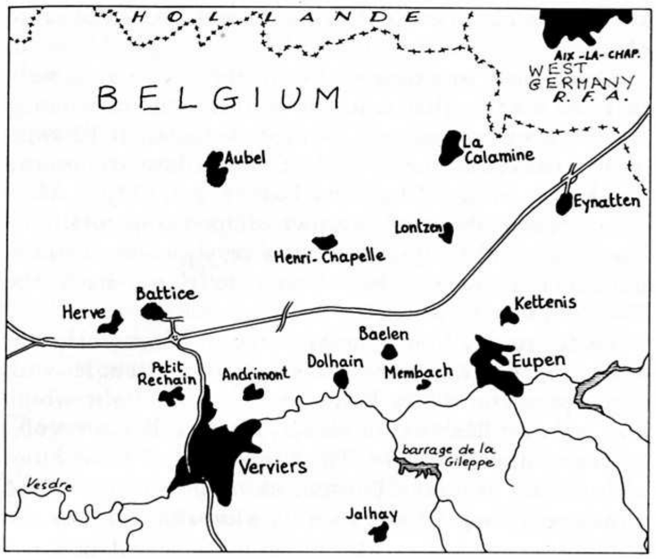
At about 1815, he saw the object shoot up obliquely into the sky, to be replaced by a second object which, a few moments later, also took off and headed away to Baelen or Verviers.

Gendarme Creutz was able to get a very good view of the thing, which was at a height of 100 or 150 m. and travelling very slowly. It resembled a rectangle, six or eight metres long, with four very big bright lights. The thing vanished northwards, towards Lontzen.



Meanwhile, at 1845, gendarmes Nicholl and von Montigny, still at Kortenbach, saw arise from behind a clump of pine trees, "as though catapulted", an enormous triangle, slightly tipped downwards as it slowed momentarily. They could make out what seemed to be a cupola, with windows lit from within. The thing seemed to have come from the direction of Baelen, and seemed to be travelling at a good speed towards the E40 Motorway, towards the North. It was possibly this second object that was seen, also at about 1845, by a Monsieur Eric Lebon, who was at Baelen (about two kilometres from Kortenbach). He saw, at a distance of about 200 m. from him, a triangular object "emitting a faint sound like that of a sewing machine". This object seemed to be coming from Dolhain and towards Baelen. Then it veered to the right towards Eupen, and then veered again left towards the North. (Or the NNE?) As it changed course, the witness noticed what looked like a "cupola" on the underside of it.

A few moments earlier, still at Baelen, a Mme. Christine Hauglustaine saw "what looked like an aircraft, with two powerful headlights and an orange



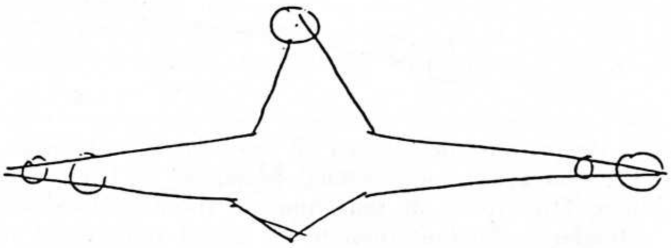
light flashing in rhythm with the pulsations of the heart (the periodicity of which is 0.8 second)." The thing was emitting no perceptible sound, and was gliding along slowly, and low, through the sky from Dolhain towards Eupen. We may consequently assume that Mme. Lebon and Mme. Hauglustaine had simultaneous sightings of the same object. (On the other hand, we should note that neither of them says anything that could correspond to the "catapulted" effect mentioned by the two gendarmes Nicholl and von Montigny.)

Again, still at about 1845, two young boys, Ture Schmidt and Adrian Hoffmann, both aged 13, were walking along a little sunken road at a place called Donnerkaul, between Lontzen and La Calamine, when they saw three white lights moving slowly and silently from SW to NE. The two boys saw a sort of "flat disc", with a slight "hump" on its top, shooting away to the right and inclined at an angle of 45 degrees. It flew around them, and they heard from it a very faint sound, like a sort of hissing. Then it moved away towards the SW at a speed of about 80 km.p.h. The white light which seemed to be located in its centre had gone out, and had then come on again, much more powerful. *Beneath the object there were a certain number of small lights (between five and ten of them) plus one red light!*

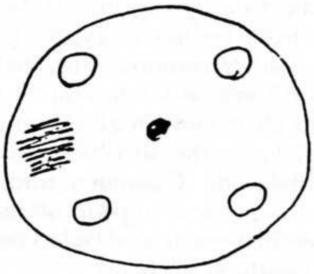
At Battice, between 1850 and 1900 hrs., Mme. Patricia Barbieux saw, towards her right, and coming from the North, big, very dazzling lights. These did a leftward turn, and arrived right above the lady, and, simultaneously, they "went out". All that she was now able to see above her was a vaguely triangular dark mass, with some small lights ("like fireflies") at its centre. Then it moved away, towards the East.

The lady's mention of these "small lights" suggests a resemblance to the sighting by the two boys Ture Schmidt and Adrian Hoffmann. Could the trajectories in these two cases be reconciled? If they can, let us note that the simplest version, and the one that comes immediately to mind (i.e. from east of Battice to south-west of Lontzen) appears to show discrepancy as regards the *time*-factor. If the sighting at Donnerkaul was indeed ten minutes *earlier* than the sighting at Battice, then the total trajectory does appear to be pretty circuitous, but if we suppose that the trajectory was approximately on a straight line, from Lontzen to north of Battice, then the distance is 12 kms., covered in ten minutes, which is entirely compatible with the statements about speed given by numerous eyewitnesses. All this is however, just supposition.

Again, at about 1845 hrs., but further towards the East, at Aubel, Mme Gossens and her daughter Caroline observed an object flying very slowly overhead, from SE to NW. The thing was described by them as consisting of two points, each bearing two lights, plus a third point, with only one light.



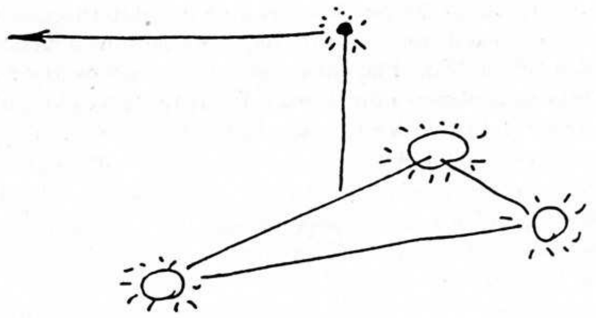
At about 1900 hrs., several residents of La Calamine, a little further to the north, saw a curious object moving in total silence, and very slowly, on a N-S course, and Monsieur Maschlanka has described it as a round, dark, mass, with four big white lights directed downwards towards the ground.



Monsieur Coenrats saw the same object suddenly appear right above him, at a height of 300 or 400 metres, and then its lights went out, whereupon a different luminous phenomenon made its appearance, with four searchlights directed down towards the ground. When he found himself caught in the beam of one of them, which dazzled him, he panicked. He then saw the thing finally move away towards Eupen, climbing as it went, and appearing simply like a shapeless luminous mass.

At about 1910 hrs., on the road from Hergenrath to Lontzen, Monsieur Charles Nicolae watched, for the space of four minutes, a "triangle of lights" that gave out a faint whistle.

At about 1920 hrs., Gendarmes Peter Nicholl (either a brother of the first Nicholl named above, or maybe another man of the same surname) and Lieter Plumans, both of the Kelmis/La Calamine Gendarmerie Brigade, were on duty on the Moresnet road (towards the extreme northern end of La Calamine) when they saw large lights slowly approaching the railway station at Lontzen. On their radio they requested the Gendarmerie control-point in Eupen to ask Albert Creutz for instructions. Then they set out along the road towards Henri-Chapelle, and finally stopped in front of the "Beloeil" House, at the western end of that commune. At about 1930 hrs., *at a distance of less than 100 metres from them,* they had a perfect view of an object with three white lights and one red light pulsating like a heart. Dazzled though he was, Peter Nicholl thought he could see something at the rear end of it, and he heard a noise "like the sound of a ventilator". The object (estimated to be about 15 m. wide) was immobile, close by the highway. Lieter Plumans distinctly saw a red ball detach itself from the triangular craft, descend, then shoot up at a right-angle, and depart horizontally!



When the thing moved off towards the north-east, the two gendarmes decided to follow it. They estimated its speed at that time at about 100 km.p.h. Gendarme Nicholl thought he noted that, when it accelerated, its lights became less bright than when it was stationary (a piquant little detail, since on many occasions precisely the *opposite* has been observed when UFOs were making their departure)!

When it reached the Belgian/German Frontier, the thing, as though unwilling to fly over German territory, performed a right-hand turn, towards the south, and vanished from their sight behind the hill at Hergenrath. The time was then close on 2000 hrs.

This same passage of a UFO, from Henri-Chapelle to the German frontier, seems to have also been observed, but from further away, by the Gendarmes Nicholl and von Montigny, who had gone back towards the north-east as far as Waldhornerfeld, a site offering a good clear view in all directions. They saw the thing vanish, in the direction where the three frontiers (of Belgium, Germany, and Netherlands) meet, and then saw it re-appear in the direction of Aachen (known in French as Aix-la-Chapelle), to disappear again finally at 2039 hrs.

At 2045 hrs., near the Herbesthal railway station, two witnesses saw a triangular object virtually motionless right above the Central Cash store, at a distance of somewhere around 300 metres from them. They heard a faint "electrical motor sound" coming from the thing, which had three big white lights and one red light in the middle of the triangle formed by the three white ones. At about 2100 hrs., it seems that several people near the German frontier saw the same object.

Going back to a time earlier in the evening, namely to 1720 hrs., — that is to say to the moment when it was all about to start up — near Kettenis, at 15 kms., westwards from there, and at one kilometre to the south-east of the Chaîneux-Battice exit, Mme Marlène Brossel observed a crown-shaped object, almost stationary and totally silent, of a very glowing yellow-golden hue, which then began to move from the North towards the East.

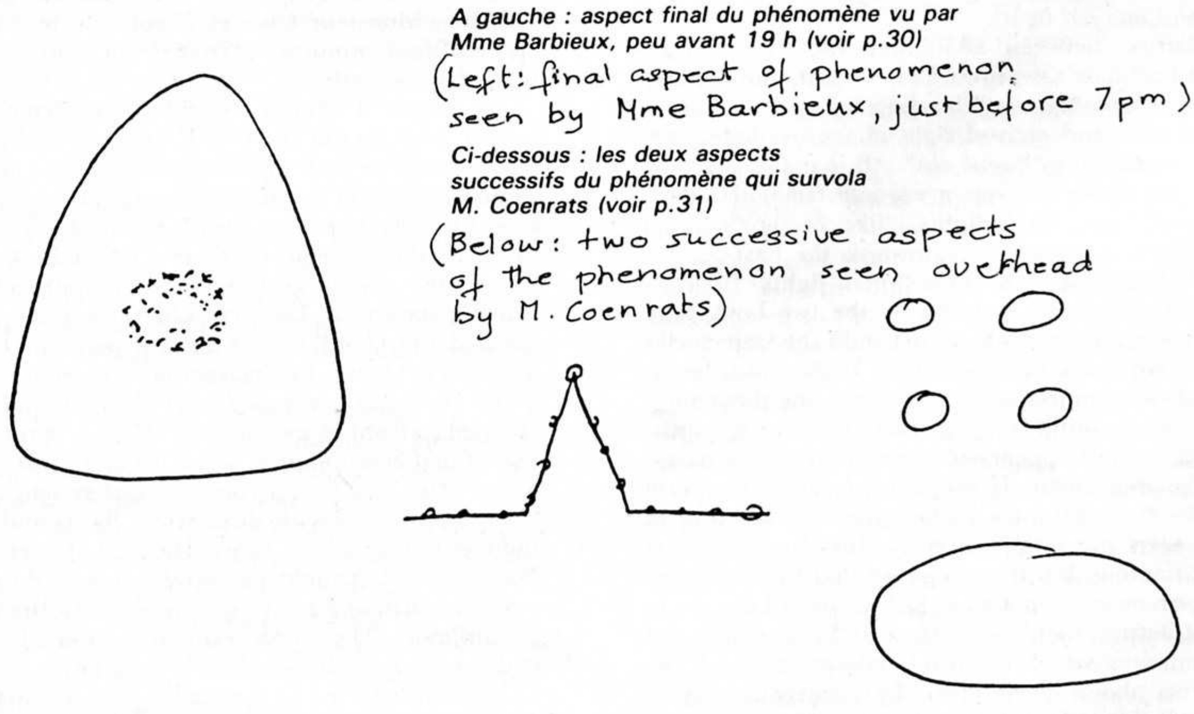
At around 1730 hrs., at Andrimont, Mme Colémont and her daughter saw an enormous triangle with three powerful white lights and another light which was red and flashing or, rather, rotating like a revolving coastal station light. The thing seemed to be at an altitude of around 500 metres, and was travelling slowly and soundlessly, with its wide side towards the front.

Between 1730 and 1745 hrs., at La Minerie, three kms. north of Battice, a similar object was seen heading towards Verviers — in other words, southwards.

The comparison between these two sightings would be interesting ... *if the chronological order were reversed!* But ... worse than that ... at 1735 hrs., the same triangle, or another one just like it, was reported at a place more than 30 kms. from there — between Nandrin and Rotheux, to the south-west of Liège.

It would be necessary to suppose the existence of *at least five objects* in order to be able to explain (more or less) all the sightings reported just at that time.

Between 1730 and 1740 hrs., at rue Varin, in Liège, a doctor saw three lights in a triangular formation stationary and silent overhead. Finally they flew off ... towards the North! At around 1840 hrs., at Milmort (north of Liège), Monsieur Jean-Marie Leburton, driving along the motorway, observed an incredible scene: he saw a triangular object, with three white lights and one central red light, arrive and take up position above the lights on the highway. He approached more closely, and then *saw two other craft, identical with the first one, detach themselves from it and move off, tilted slightly and downwards at the front, the one flying towards the left and the other towards the right.*



A gauche : aspect final du phénomène vu par Mme Barbieux, peu avant 19 h (voir p.30)

(Left: final aspect of phenomenon seen by Mme Barbieux, just before 7pm)

Ci-dessous : les deux aspects successifs du phénomène qui survola M. Coenrats (voir p.31)

(Below: two successive aspects of the phenomenon seen overhead by M. Coenrats)

At 1900 hrs., on the same motorway from Namur to Liège, Monsieur and Mme. Monselur and their children saw, near the exit for Loncin, a row of three lights, tremendous but not dazzling, which at first seemed stationary, but then came flying over their car. Then they observed four lights in the pattern of a cross. The object seemed to be enormous.

At Herve, two other motorists, Monsieur Raymond Strasters and a friend, travelling towards Liège, perceived towards their right, three powerful lights "like the lights of a football ground". Lowering a window, one of them saw a dark object, very slow, flying horizontally towards them. It was a triangle, flying — this time — with a point *forward,* and heading towards Chaîneux, with its lights illuminating the entire terrain below. And at Grand Rechain, Monsieur Maurice Xhibitte confirmed this sighting in detail, stating that he watched the thing coming at first from the north and then heading off eastwards.

At Walkenraedt, at 1845 hrs., near the railway station, Monsieur Bartholomé saw a dark mass flying very low and very slowly, and without any sound. It headed at first towards Henri-Chapelle, and then towards Battice. Arriving at the Dolhain exit, the same witness again glimpsed the object in the far distance, travelling towards the dam at La Gileppe or Jalhay (where it was, in fact, reported between 1830 and 1845 hrs.).

At that moment, a Monsieur Michel Pirard and his daughter Laurence were near the Heusy Gendarmerie Post. They observed lights in a triangular formation moving from west to east in total silence. Also between 1830 and 1845 hrs., at the spot known as "Le Faweu", between Verviers and Jalhay, Monsieur Roland Louis saw "an object without thickness, approaching, 'tail-down', with three lights projecting oblique beams".

All these pieces of testimony which we have given above are taken from the *Report* issued on December 18, 1989, by SOBEPS.

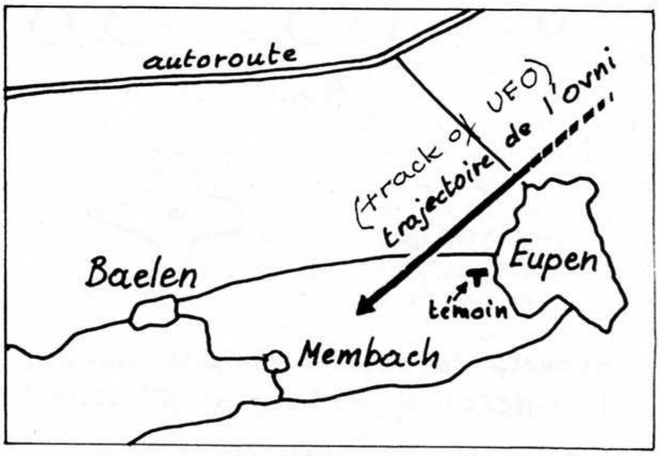
And here, now, are two pieces of further testimony gathered by Patrick Vidal (the LDLN Representative in the *Benelux* Countries). They offer us the opportunity for a little ufological game: namely, how to fit them into the ensemble of accounts already given above.

Patrick Vidal's First Case

At Eupen, at about 1745 hrs., (to the nearest 15 minutes), Monsieur S— arrived at the end of the rue du Roi Albert, near the Intercom Electricity Station, and saw, towards the west and moving away on a NE-SW trajectory, towards Membach, a group of four or five lights, which he had in view for about one minute. Although he had switched off his car engine, he heard no sound coming from the phenomenon. Admittedly the distance of this sighting was of the order of about one kilometre or so (and the lights at a height which he estimated might be about 200 m.), and admittedly the Verviers road, pretty busy with traffic at that time of the day, lay between the witness and the phenomenon.

Estimated size of the object: 25 m × 15 m.

Speed: not more than 50 or 60 km.p.h.

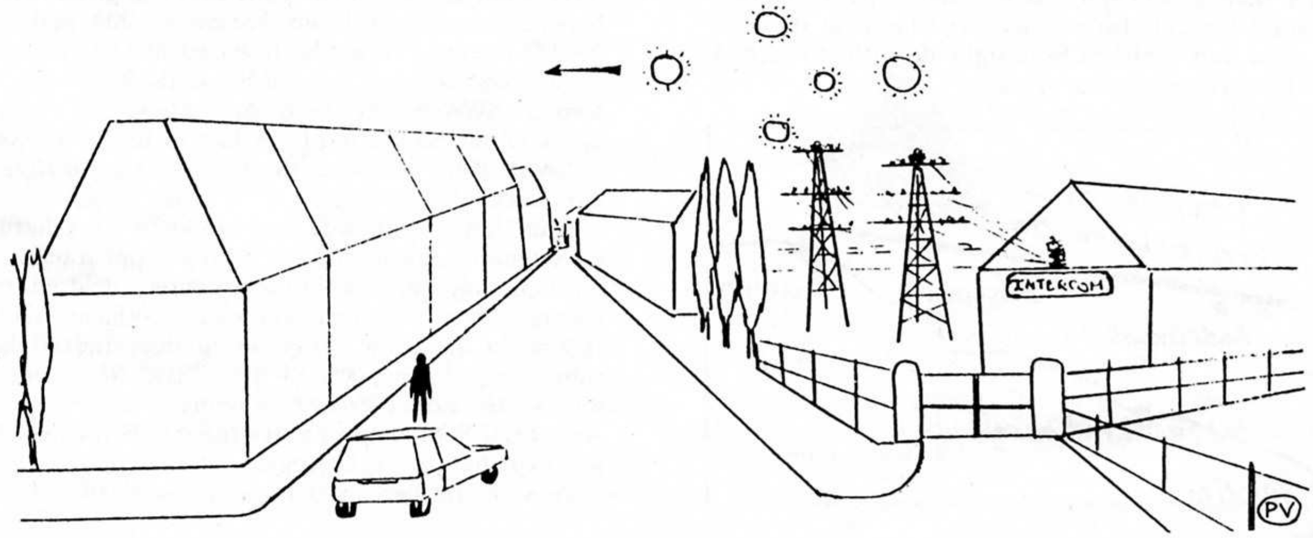


Patrick Vidal's Second Case

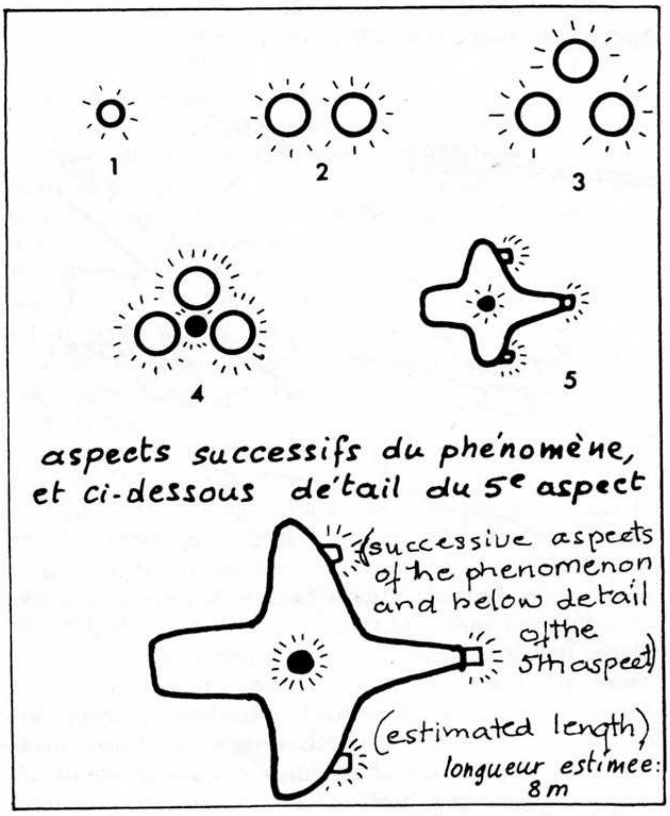
Place: Baelen.

Time: 1905 hrs.

Monsieur G— was at the back of his house, on the rue de l'Eglise. His dog was gambolling around him. Suddenly, he observed a large point of light at about 35 degrees above the horizon. The thing drew nearer, seemingly coming from the direction of Adrimont or Bilstain. He could now see that it had two white lights which not only lit up the ground beneath but also horizontally the area of sky ahead. About half a minute later, the witness became aware of a third white light, the three lights thus forming as it were an equilateral triangle. By comparing it with the bell-tower of the Baelen church (which is 63 m. high) Monsieur G— estimated the altitude of the object at 150 metres. When seemingly it was no more than 200 m. or so distant from him, the thing made a "graceful" turn towards the Aix-Liège motorway, which passes not far from there, namely towards the north. Shortly after that, Monsieur G— heard a noise which he compares "to that of an air turbine". As the object had swung round, he had been able to see a flashing red light on its underside. He was also able to make out very clearly the body of the craft — consisting of a fuselage and two "wings" set in it at one-third of the



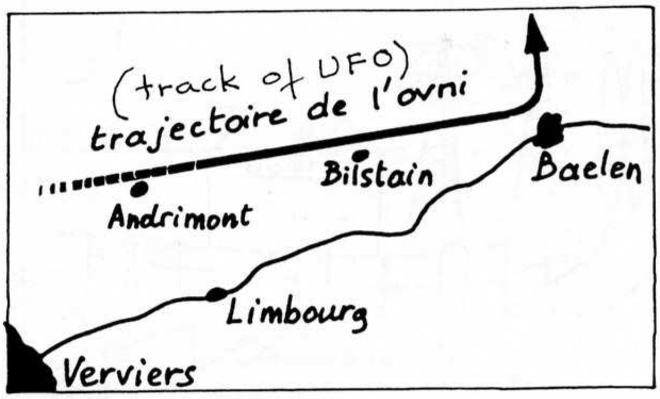
extent of its length (from the front). He estimated its speed at around 200 km.p.h., its length at 8 m., and its width also at 8 m. He thought what he was seeing was an aeroplane. His dog barked when the "turbine" noise started to be heard. (This dog habitually barks when hot-air balloons pass low overhead in the course of being "re-charged", but it seems *the dog definitely does not bark when aeroplanes pass over.*)



And now, one further report before we finish (no doubt only provisionally!) with these events of the night of November 29, 1989, in Belgium:–

This comes from Mme Grogna, and is quoted in the excellent article by Yves Leterme published in the newspaper *Nord-Matin* for December 19, 1989:–

"On Wednesday, November 29 last, at about 1830 hrs., I was in my car on the hills above Verviers. Suddenly, right in front of me, at a distance of a few hundreds of metres, I saw a very bright object. It was a clear night, and the object was not very high up. It was stationary over the countryside below. Puzzled, I stopped the car, and I was able to take in a few details of the object, which I would judge was some 300 metres or so from me. It had three white lights disposed in a triangle, and it started to move off slowly towards Heusy. I wasn't scared. It passed slowly behind a several-storeyed building, and then reappeared to view. It was bigger than a helicopter. It was like a flying lighted cabin! I could also see some red lights at the rear end of it. It vanished from sight after I had watched it for three or four minutes."



The vast majority of the accounts agree strongly: a generally triangular-shaped mass, flat, most often carrying big white lights and one red or orange light at the centre; and emitting a faint noise, perceptible to a distance of about 100 metres.

All of this, obviously, invites some attempt at an explanation in purely *aeronautical* terms, and, in particular, the idea of a sort of perfected ULM, or an RPV — that is to say, a small teleguided machine, a sort of large very sophisticated *model* such as the Military possess, and such as they employ for purposes of night-time observation (thanks to light amplifiers), but for more complicated missions as well, such as, for example, anti-radar warfare.

Nevertheless, for numerous reasons, this theory seems very improbable indeed. And it isn't we of LDLN who say this — but SOBEPS themselves *(who can hardly be accused of unconditional support for the "UFO theory"!) And, it is also, as we shall see, quite simply Monsieur Guy Coëme, Belgium's Minister of Defence, who is saying it!*

So . . . what then? RPVs taken for UFOs? Or UFOs disguising themselves as RPVs? And here we find ourselves faced with a dilemma that is tending to become "classic" in Ufology: for the thing does indeed display a devilishly close resemblance to an ULM or an RPV. Yes — but certain of the testimonial statements given by the eyewitnesses categorically rule out any such hypothesis. Yes — indeed. But then, on the other hand, certain other pieces of eyewitness testimony do fit the idea pretty well.

Yes . . . and, But . . .

And when you proceed further, attempting to secure a grasp of the matter, then you find yourself systematically brought to a point of endless oscillation between these two totally contradictory theses. IN A WORD: IT CAN (1) *ONLY* BE AN RPV (OR SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE); and (2) IT IS QUITE CLEARLY *NOT THAT . . .*).

As usual, the newspapers carried an absolute *abundance of false "explanations" and "red herrings". And the most popular theory was of course, that the eyewitnesses had all been seeing AN AMERICAN AWACS* AIRCRAFT. Marsh-gas; Venus; the Moon; lenticular clouds; plus a veritable shower of sonde-balloons, were of course also all brought into play.

(So, in fact, this might be a very good moment for us to explain to our readers precisely what an AWACS aircraft *is.*

It is a type of military aeroplane, and its actual technical designation is the *E-3A "SENTRY"*, although "AWACS" is the name by which it is widely known (signifying "AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM").

The U.S.A. possesses 33 AWACS aircraft, and NATO has 18, which came into service progressively between January 1981 and December 1984, and these NATO aircraft are normally based at Gelsenkirchen in the West German Federal Republic. These NATO-owned AWACS are frequently seen over various bases, all the way round from Turkey to Norway, *and, notably, they are seen at Bierset, near Liège, in Belgium*).

And they are aircraft that would be very hard to escape notice, owing to their strange appearance. For, on top, they carry a radar antenna enclosed in a casing 9.10 m. in diameter, which performs six rotations in a minute. This casing does indeed have something of the shape of the classic *"flying saucer"* and — the art of *debunking* being what it is — we were BOUND to expect to see the AWACS invoked as an "explanation" in Ufology!

And, lo and behold, that day has arrived . . .!

Having said that, it only remains for us to add that, even if the antenna-casing in question does happen to be in the shape of a revolving ellipsoid flattened to the heart's content, the idea of attempting to explain away all the sightings of November 29 as sightings of an AWACS aircraft *is a total absurdity.*

BECAUSE THE AIRCRAFT THAT CARRIES THIS "SAUCER" IS NONE OTHER THAN A BOEING 707-320, 46 METRES LONG AND OVER 43 METRES WIDE. YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE PRETTY DAFT IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE IN THE SKY THE 9-METRES-WIDE "SAUCER", AND NOT THE BOEING 707 THAT IS FIXED BENEATH IT! THE BOEING'S FOUR TF33 JET ENGINES, ALTHOUGH NOT QUITE SO NOISY AS THOSE OF THE FIRST 707s, ARE FAR FROM BEING SILENT, AND IT WOULD NEVER ENTER ANYBODY'S MIND TO COMPARE THEIR SOUND TO "A HISSING NOISE", OR TO A SMALL ELECTRICAL MOTOR!

AND, AS FOR THE IDEA THAT AN AWACS, OR INDEED SEVERAL AWACS, COULD — AT NIGHT — ABOVE A DENSELY POPULATED REGION, PERFORM TIGHT TURNS *(NOT TO MENTION REMAINING STATIONARY!)* FOR A PERIOD OF 2½ HOURS, WITH THEIR THROTTLES CLOSED DOWN, AND AT A HEIGHT OF 100 METRES FROM THE GROUND — WELL IT IS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND WORDS CAPABLE OF DESCRIBING SUCH AN ABSURDITY.

The first suggestion that it all had to do with AWACS aircraft had, in fact, already been made at another date and at another place — namely at Amay, more than 40 kms., distant from Eupen. (And it is indeed *just faintly* possible that, although nobody in this particular case at Amay did manage to perceive any aircraft lights on it, it actually WAS an AWACS.)

None of which, however, has the remotest bearing on the sightings reported in the Verviers and Eupen regions. Nevertheless, certain newspapers, organs little inclined to care about the finer points and details of accuracy, joyously leapt upon the "AWACS explanation". And one Belgian daily paper of December 13 carried such splendid and memorable phrases as this:–

"The AWACS is an aircraft that can fly very slowly. And it is particularly silent."

And, further on in the same article:–

"It is evident that, if the AWACS flies almost vertically . . ."

— After that, any comment from us would be superfluous.

On the other hand, it seems very clear to us that there ARE two highly pertinent and intelligent comments which were made at the time in the Belgian press. These two comments are as follows:–

1. A STATEMENT BY GENERAL TERRASSON, COMMANDING THE TACTICAL BELGIAN AIR FORCES. (NEWSPAPER *LA DERNIERE HEURE,* DECEMBER 15, 1989.)
2. A STATEMENT BY MONSIEUR GUY COËME, BELGIAN MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE. (NEWSPAPER *LA WALLONIE,* DECEMBER 22, 1989.)

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, IN PARTICULAR, REFUTED THE "AWACS THEORY" TOTALLY, EMPHASISING THAT, AT THE DATE OF THE UFO SIGHTINGS, THERE WAS NO AIRCRAFT OF THIS TYPE ANYWHERE IN THE AIR-SPACE OF BELGIUM. AND HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT, AFTER HAVING CONSULTED THE U.S. AIR FORCE'S HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON ON THE SUBJECT, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS HAD ALSO CONFIRMED THAT NO *"STEALTH"* AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN PRESENT ANYWHERE IN THE BELGIAN AIR-SPACE AT THE TIME IN QUESTION.

THE BELGIAN MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE ALSO DECLARED THAT NO TEST-FLIGHTS FROM THE EISENBORN CAMP OF ANY TELEGUIDED OBSERVATION CRAFT ("DRONES") HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE BELGIAN AIR FORCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PERIOD IN QUESTION.

AND HIS CONCLUSION WAS AS FOLLOWS: "ALL HYPOTHESES INVOLVING THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN OUR AIR-SPACE ARE DEFINITELY TO BE RULED OUT".

IT IS, ALAS, REGRETTABLE THAT THESE STATEMENTS BY THE BELGIAN MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOUND FAR LESS ECHO IN THE BELGIAN PRESS THAN ALL THE SILLY TALES ABOUT THE "AWACS" THEORY.

The Latest Report Received

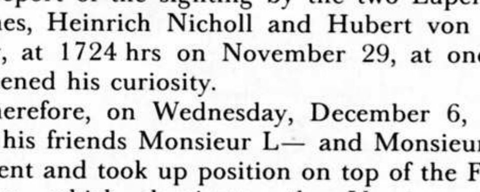
BATTICE (BELGIUM)), December 6, 1989.

During December 1989 there were many more sightings in the Verviers and Eupen regions. Here is just one example. (Investigation conducted by Patrick Vidal):–

"Monsieur Paul C—, along with various other persons, had, on various occasions since October 12, 1989, seen a large object flying over Verviers. And the report of the sighting by the two Eupen gendarmes, Heinrich Nicholl and Hubert von Montigny, at 1724 hrs on November 29, at once reawakened his curiosity.

Therefore, on Wednesday, December 6, along with his friends Monsieur L— and Monsieur S—, he went and took up position on top of the Fort at Battice, which dominates the Verviers region towards the South, and the Aubel region towards the North as far as the Netherlands frontier.

At approximately 2030 hrs. they heard a sort of rumbling noise like that of an aeroplane. Looking towards Verviers, he saw, approaching at an altitude which he estimated at around 1,000 metres, a triangular-shaped, dark-grey object, apparently very large. Its speed, he thought, might have been of the order of about 400 km.p.h. The thing flew over them, and continued on its way. At this stage, Monsieur C— began to be able to see the rear part of the object, and noticed, at the base of the triangle, a row of multicoloured lights leaving behind them a faint luminous trail.



The object continued on its way, at the same speed, towards the North. Twice, and for only a brief instant each time, Monsieur C— saw what looked like luminous "tentacles" shooting out from the starboard rear side of the craft and at once retracting again.

NOTES BY EDITOR, FSR

* FSR readers will note that, although this article is about *Belgium*, many of the eyewitnesses *have purely German names and are clearly Germans.* Eupen and Malmédy regions, with some 60,000 inhabitants, were ceded to Belgium by Germany under the terms of the so-called "Peace Treaties" following World War I, but only one-sixth of the 60,000 people were French-speaking (Belgian *Walloons*), while five-sixths of them were German-speaking. In other words, this is just one more of the numerous regions of Europe where the State frontiers are still not correctly drawn.

** As for all this talk of huge mystery craft flying around over Belgium for weeks and months on end, we would ask our readers this question:–
"Of what does it remind you most?"

Well, admittedly the *shapes* now being reported (generally "triangular") are different. But, as a whole, the entire thing puts *us* most powerfully in mind of the great UFO Wave of 1896/1897 over the U.S.A.

One may possibly think that all this activity indicates some particular interest in Belgium, and Belgium alone. So it is perhaps worth bearing in mind that another region, close by, *namely the Estuary of the Thames in Britain, Canvey Island, and the adjacent County of Essex,* is also under close scrutiny. As we reported in FSR 34/2 (p22), there has been an intense UFO concentration upon that whole area throughout 1988 and 1989, and it is still going on. There have been some 1,600 sighting reports in this part of Britain during 1988/89, more than 1,000 of them being from Essex.

Whatever the aliens are doing, or whatever it is that they are watching, it seems possible that it may relate to this whole area extending across from Southeastern England to eastern Belgium. — G.C.

A SLIGHT CASE OF 'ANTICIPATION'?

Gordon Creighton

When reports appeared in 1987 about huge triangular craft seen over Plymouth and areas of Devonshire in the south-west of Britain (night of August 4/5, 1987) and of something even vaster, *"as big as a football field"*, seen, by hundreds of people, flying very low and humming faintly, over the city of Nottingham (evening of December 10, 1987), certain folk, including a spokesman of the London-based UFO research organization who rank as the world's leading experts on the non-existence of UFOs, lost no time in making it known that what had been seen *were American "Stealth" bombers.*

Many of our readers will therefore have noted with much interest (and with a strange sensation of déjà va?) the following article which was published on the front page of the important British national newspaper, *The Daily Telegraph,* on Tuesday, July 18, 1989 — that is to say *pretty well two whole years after the claimed appearance of the "Stealth" bomber over Plymouth and Devon, and nineteen months after its alleged visit to Nottingham!*

Batwing Bomber flies at last

The black batwing B-2 Stealth bomber made its long-awaited maiden flight over the California desert yesterday.

The controversial B-2, the most expensive plane in history, flew for two hours before landing at Edwards Air Force Base, 25 miles away from its Air Force hangar at Palmdale.

It has been designed to carry 25 tons of nuclear warheads but on this occasion it had a payload of thousands of commemorative lapel pins to be distributed to workers at Northrop, the main contractor for the B-2 project.

The boomerang-shaped bomber flew in long, lazy circlesa over the desert at a height of 10,000 feet. On its maiden flight, the radar-eluding B-2 was not asked to perform demanding tasks such as high-speed dives or explosive decompression tests of the cockpit.

Shortly before the plane left its hangar at dawn, police towed away a suspicious-looking car without number plates parked near the runway reserved for the B-2.

The flight was due to have taken place on Saturday but was postponed at the last minute because of low fuel-pressure readings.

The Senate Armed Services Committee has given a strong endorsement to production of the B-2 despite criticism of its price tag of $550 million (£340 million per plane. The military intends to buy 132 over the next decade.

The sleek, all-wing bomber uses special designs and materials to avoid radar and infrared detection.

Even for the normally paranoid aerospace industry, the security measures imposed on the B-2 have been unprecedented.

Over the past decade millions of aircraft parts have been produced surreptitiously at factories around America in cloak-and-dagger attempts to keep details of the revolutionary bomber away from Soviet spies.

It was finally unveiled to the public in November and a week ago it underwent low-speed taxi tests on the tarmac at Palmdale.

(See also, on page 9 of this issue, details of the frantic efforts that have similarly been made to explain away the huge UFOs haunting the skies of Belgium as American *"Stealth"* bombers or AWACS early warning craft.)

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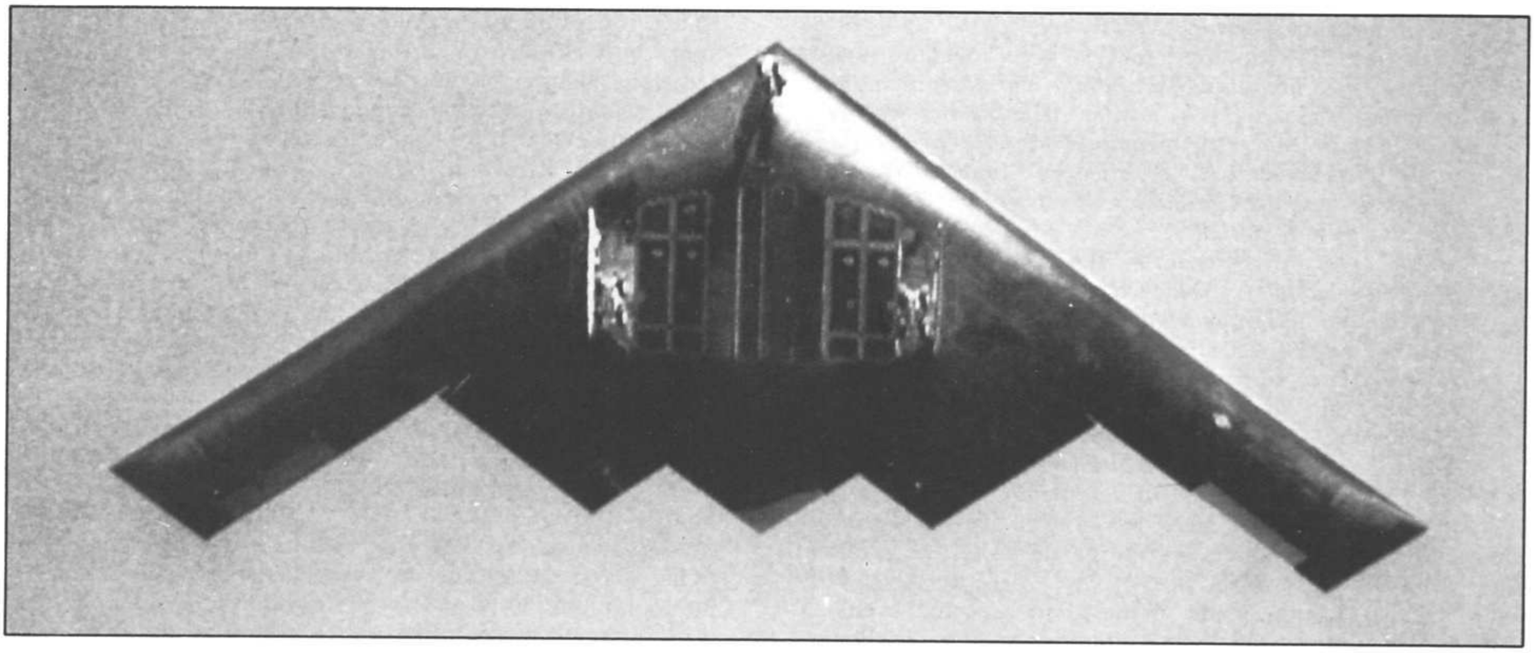

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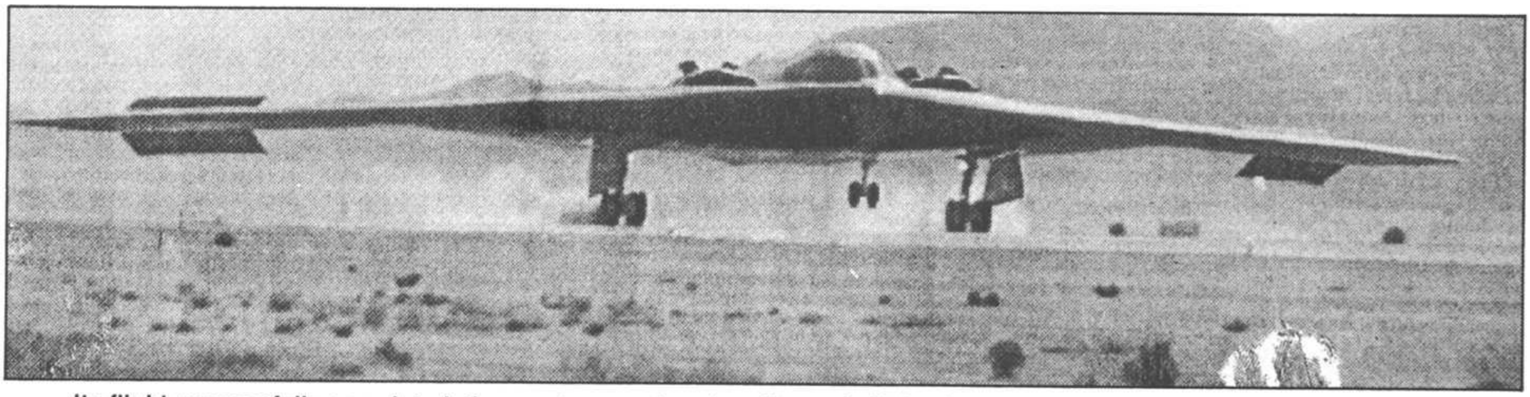

Its flight successfully completed, the most expensive aircraft ever built lands at the Edwards Air Force Base.

UFOs CONTINUE TO VISIT U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY SITES

By George D. Fawcett

In the U.S.A. the name of George D. Fawcett is known to everybody in the UFO research sphere, since he is one of the veterans. For British and Overseas readers of FSR, we would add that he lives at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092, and that he is MUFON's State Director for North Carolina. EDITOR

LOOKING back over the years up to the 40th anniversary of UFOs in modern times (June 24, 1987), it is interesting to note that UFOs (unidentified flying objects), have often been seen and recorded near various atomic energy locations in this country and overseas.

Captain Ruppelt

This link was first noticed by Captain Edward Ruppelt in 1952 and reported in a *Look Magazine* article (June 24, 1952) titled *"Hunt For The Flying Saucer"*.

Captain Ruppelt, who directed the U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book at that time, when viewing a folder of 63 mystifying UFO reports that had been plotted on a map of the United States, discovered that it showed "an ominous correlation" with the location of various atomic energy installations. *Look Magazine* learned that some high-ranking officers had taken note of this fact, and had then held a Pentagon conference to discuss these numerous strange concentrations that have continued to this day.[1]

Such incidents at the Savannah River, Hanford, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, McGuire, Cherokee and Indian Point nuclear and atomic plants are of continued vital interest and concern to scientific, military, civilian and

governmental observers everywhere.

These UFO encounters raise such serious questions as: *Are UFOs monitoring our atomic and nuclear energy sites and if so, why? Why has the AEC (Atomic Energy Commission) had representatives on most of all the major government UFO investigative projects? Why do guards at some AEC installations report their UFO encounters directly to AEC?*

The questions continue — What have AEC studies using air samplers, radioactive background counters, portable counters, magnetometers, oscilloscopes, cameras, radar and other devices revealed? That types of radiation increases have been discovered? What do they make of the increasing numbers of inviduals who have suffered "radioactive" injuries of one sort or another alleged to have occurred during UFO incidents in many states in the USA and other countries worldwide?

In essence, what have been the major discoveries and perhaps hidden secrets of the AEC-UFO link since the late 1940s?

Let's examine some of the often reported events. On May 10, 1952, four employees of the Du Pont Company, employed at the Savannah River Plant, saw eight "disc-shaped" objects approach the Ellenton, South Carolina plant. The objects varied from a yellow to gold in colour, moved south to north at a "high rate" of speed. The eight UFOs approached the area at such a low altitude that they had to rise to pass over some tall tanks in the area. The noiseless UFOs weaved from left to right and moved from side to side as they departed at a 90 degree angle. "The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington was advised."[2]

Hanford Atomic Plant

On July 5, 1952, four Florida pilots reported a flying saucer hovering above the Hanford atomic works, a sensitive scientific installation at Richlands, Washington State, N.W. USA. Captain John Baldwin, Captain George Robertson and pilots D. Shanbel and Steven Summers stated that the UFO was round and flat. After hovering above the atomic plant, it gained speed, reversed its course and then disappeared quickly. Two yellow globes of fiery appearance were reported over the Hanford plant seven days later, confirmed by Air Force investigators.[3]

Los Alamos

Two years earlier, on April 17, 1950, more than fifteen persons at the secret atomic energy project at Los Alamos, New Mexico, reported they saw a UFO on the eastern horizon. One of the observers, a scientist from the University of California Personnel Division, watched one of three objects through a telescope and said that it looked flat, metallic, and was roughly circular and about nine feet in diameter. The UFO appeared to be about 2,000 feet high and moved "... faster than any known conventional aircraft". It was seen for about 20 minutes and put on quite a show. Dozens of excellent UFO sightings have been reported by countless eyewitnesses at Los Alamos over the years.[4]

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

June 21, 1952 brought an interesting case of a UFO that trespassed prohibited airspace at the AEC's Oak Ridge Laboratory in Tennessee at 10.58 p.m. The UFO was observed by Ground Observer Corps volunteers and also detected by radar. The UFO was pursued by an F-47 aircraft on combat patrol from a 10,000 to 27,000 foot altitude. During the aerial dogfight, the UFO attempted to ram the F-47 on several occasions, before leaving the area. UFO encounters have become quite commonplace at this AEC site.[5]

In October, 1965 Philip Parker, on an aerial photography mission, was flying with pilot H.T. Mayhew near the Perth Church Road/Lake Norman crossing. Their plane was flying at about 1,000 feet as they circled the lake near the McGuire Nuclear Station, when they noticed three "bright objects" to their right. Pilot Mayhew gave his plane full throttle and they rose barely high enough to escape the UFOs, which were flying in formation 100 feet below them. Unnerved, as he was, Parker was able to take one photograph of the three circular UFOs above Lake Norman, which is bordered by the Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties in North Carolina.[6]

In past years several other photographs of UFOs flying above Lake Norman were taken by different photographers. One of the photographs of an early morning UFO was captured near the Sun on the film. In the photo, the UFO moved from the 4 to the 6 o'clock position from 90 to 20 degrees over a short period of time.

In the late summer of 1968, at 2 a.m., a married couple (names confidential on file) reported seeing a dome-topped UFO with "windows" and odd-coloured lights (yellow, blue and red fixed together) flying near their Lake Norman home. The UFO was about two to three car-lengths wide and made a soft humming sound. A "metal rod" came from the bottom edge of the UFO, as it moved down nearby power lines, almost touching the wires as it followed the power lines. The eyewitnesses ran the rest of the way home and were badly frightened by their experience.[7]

In July or August, 1974, at 9.30 p.m., businessman Robert P. Sartin, who lives near the Lake Norman Airport and Duke Power Plant's 150 ft. high Cowans Ford Dam, spotted a UFO. His attention to the UFO came when he heard children (fishing from a nearby pier) who were shouting about an object in the sky. Four other persons became eyewitnesses to the UFO, which was seen about four miles east of the Marshall Steam Plant near Terrell.

The UFO appeared to be about the size of a basketball court and had a thickness one-half its width. The object looked like "one saucer inverted on top of another and had a row of flashing windows through its middle".

It had red, white and yellow lighted windows and hovered in the area overhead for about 10 minutes, before it flew sideways, then moved up and away at an unbelievable speed as it disappeared in the sky.[8]

Saluda Dam

In March, 1975, at Lexington, South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richardson were driving near the Lake Murray Hydroelectric Plant's Saluda Dam, when a brilliant "spotlight" came on and illuminated the interior of their car. They noticed that the UFO looked "like two pie pans" put together, and had a dome on top.

It flew about 40 to 50 feet above their car, and it had red and blue lights on its ends and its dome was "brilliant white". The bottom of the UFO was octagonal in shape or like a stop sign. The Lake Murray area has been the scene of many UFO encounters over the years.[9]

Loring Air Force Base, Maine

On October 27, 1975, a UFO was reported by Staff Sgt. Danny K. Lewis near the Loring Air Force Base, Maine. The UFO began to circle the nuclear weapons storage area to within 300 yards of the facility. Finally, it hovered 150 feet above the ground. The Base was placed on a major alert status. Radar tracked its manoeuvres in the area for over 40 minutes. The reddish-orange UFO later moved to within five feet of the ground. Security personnel said the UFO was "like a stretched-out football in the air" as it hovered nearby. They described the object as about four car-lengths long. It shut off its lights and rapidly left the area from near ground level.[10]

Savannah Nuclear Plant

On November 22, 1975, Pilot Frank Auman Jr. and UFO investigator Arlan Keith Andrews were flying in a private plane near the Savannah, Georgia, Nuclear Plant. They saw a bright white UFO manoeuvring in the area for four or five minutes. It made a "slight wobble" and then a hard turn, before it flew away. Jacksonville Control Centre personnel at Jacksonville, Florida, confirmed three UFO sightings (either radar or visuals) by pilots at the site.[11]

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McGuire Nuclear Station

On March, 1978, several persons described seeing two "milky white" UFOs flying side by side at tree-top level at the McGuire Nuclear Station near Triangle, North Carolina.[12]

April 24, 1980, at 9 p.m., brought another UFO report from the Lake Norman area. Pete Link and Jeff Schlatter, two Rutherford County carpenters, while working on a house roof, observed a bright yellow UFO that rose up vertically from Lake Norman, made a loop, and then disappeared while moving rapidly away.[13]

Lake Norman is a large lake, and is surrounded by Highway 16, Highway 73, Highway 150 amd Highway 21. The lake is surrounded by many towns and cities, among them Mooresville, Lincolnton, Lowesville, Denver, Triangle, Iron Station, Stanley, Maiden, Huntersville, High Shoals, Troutman, Mount Holly, Terrell, Cornelius, Davidson and Sherrills Ford. These communities have been a "hotbed of UFO sightings" over the past four decades.

One of the more intriguing UFO sightings was reported at 7.30 a.m. on October 18, 1982. Gary Fortenberry and Jimmy Bumgarner, two employees at the McGuire Nuclear Station on Lake Norman, were driving to work on Highway 73 at the Catawba River (Lincoln County) when they encountered an unknown.

They watched a dull silver oval UFO with "four legs" above a nearby fog bank. During the daylight encounter, they first mistook it for a water tank, but later in the day, when they returned home from work, the fog had lifted and no water tank was to be seen anywhere in the area. They did notice that high voltage lines from the power plants were in the general area of the earlier sightings. When first seen, the UFO was about 250 feet above the ground. The eyewitnesses had worked at McGuire for six years without experiencing anything unusual. Once, several months before, when UFOs visited the same location, the power had fluctuated before the UFOs left the area. Security guards, when questioned by me on the phone, told me that all reports of such UFO incidents were to be made directly to AEC headquarters.[14]

Frenzied Dogs

On October 13, 1983, at 12.30 a.m., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ruppe of Gaffney, South Carolina, were disturbed from their sleep by a siren-like sound (like something taking off). They looked out of their house windows in time to see a glowing oval-shaped UFO about 20 feet above their neighbour's home.

The neighbourhood dogs were barking in a frenzy. The UFO, described as "about the size of a Winnebago travel-trailer" had two "beams of lights" on the bottom of the object.

It was orange-yellow in colour and made a high-pitched sound as it crossed the power lines and moved east in the direction of the Cherokee Nuclear Station. The UFO was seen for approximately five minutes, and was estimated to be about 20 feet long and 8 to 10 feet in height.[15]

Indian Point Nuclear Plant

On June 24, 1984, from 10.30 to 10.45 p.m., security guards at the Indian Point nuclear power plant near Peekskill, New York, reported seeing a UFO over the plant for approximately 15 minutes. It was at a height of roughly 30 stories above the exhaust funnel of one of the plant's three nuclear reactors.

UFO investigator Philip J. Imbrogno, for the Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Centre for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Chicago, Illinois, interviewed six of the twelve security guards who saw the UFO.

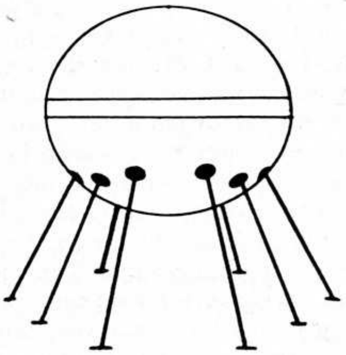
The UFO, according to the witnesses, was huge in size, diamond-shaped, and approximately 450 feet in length. It was first white, then changed to blue to red to green to amber in colour. Local police in Peekskill received numerous UFO sighting reports during the same evening. One of them, Sgt. Karl Hoffman, said the UFO he observed included a "dozen white lights" in V-formation that slowly moved towards the power plant at Indian Point.[16]

In the case of the UFO reported by security guards at the Indian Point Nuclear Plant at Peekskill, investigators uncovered some interesting information.

As the UFO approached the nuclear plant it flew to within 30 feet of Reactor Number Three. As it did so, the plant's security systems shut down, as did all of its alarm systems and communication systems.

Security guards were issued with shotguns, and were waiting for the final word to shoot at the UFO. A request was also made for an armed helicopter to

Drawings based on witness descriptions



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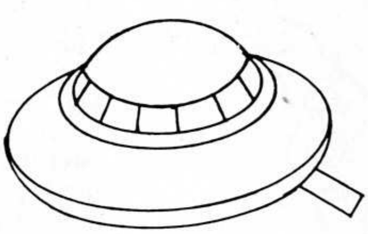
Lake Norman, N.C.



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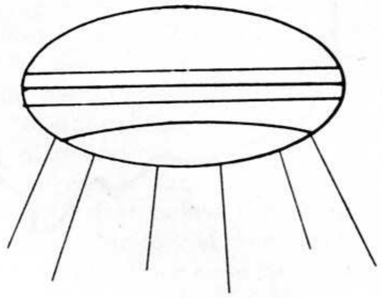

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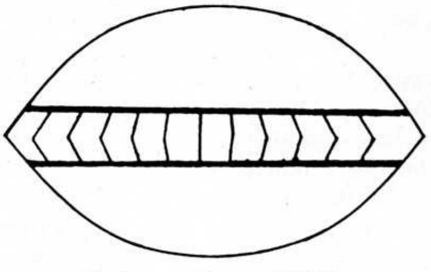

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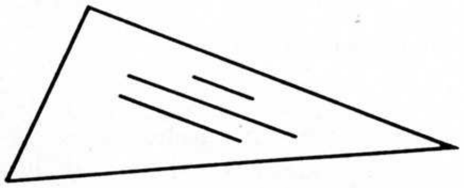

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McGuire Nuclear Plant
Lake Norman, N.C.

come and shoot down the UFO, but before the command for this had been given, the UFO moved away and left the area.

Carl Patrick of the plant's information office, when questioned by investigators about the UFO, had this to say, "I can neither confirm or deny that the guards fired upon it, but they did what was necessary to protect the plant."[17]

UFO sightings continued to be concentrated near various atomic energy locations in the late 1980s, as reported by reliable eyewitnesses.

General Twining's Words

We are reminded of a statement made by General Nathan F. Twining of the Army Air Forces (the original UFO study *Project Sign*) in 1947, forty years ago. *General Twining said, "all pertinent data would be made available to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)".*

Perhaps the answers to the many questions posed at the beginning of this article have been furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission. But up till now (1987) they have yet to see the light of day in the public sector.

Perhaps in the not too distant future, the truth behind the UFO-AEC link will be fully revealed to the public?

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RUSSIAN REPORTS

We are overwhelmed by an avalanche of material. The analysis, translation and preparation of this is an enormous task, and the entire next issue (September) may have to be devoted to Russia.

DELIBERATE DECEPTION: THE UFO FILMED AT BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA

A Critical Analysis of the Curious Events at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, in September 1964.

By Dr Robert Jacobs, PhD

"HOW A UFO DESTROYED AN AMERICAN ROCKET. FORMER U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER'S REVELATION: "THE TRUTH IS TOO IMPORTANT TO HIDE ANY LONGER. UFO SPIED ON A SPACE MISSILE SHOT, AND I FILMED IT"*

*** Under this title, in FSR 29/1 (1983), I published our first version, received via FSR Consultant Richard W. Heiden of Milwaukee, of the extraordinary story of former U.S. Air Force Officer Lt. Robert Jacobs, who is today Dr Robert Jacobs, PhD, Assistant Professor of Radio-Film-TV Studios in the University of Wisconsin.**

Dr Jacobs has now produced a more detailed account of this affair. His article, which I reproduce in full below, has appeared in MUFON UFO JOURNAL No. 249 (January 1989), and for this I have received the written permission of Mr Dennis W. Stacey, MUFON JOURNAL Editor, and I hereby express my very warmest thanks to him for such interesting material. — EDITOR

THIS is an article about the filming and subsequent U.S. Government cover up of a UFO which interfered with a dummy Atomic warhead one Autumn day in 1964 high over the Pacific Ocean off Vandenberg Air Force Base in Calfornia. It is a first-hand account of an event. Before dealing with it and the subsequent revelations which have come from a variety of sources since 1964, consider this brief discussion about UFOs and The Press.

It is a sad and curious fact that much of the literature surrounding the UFO phenomena appears in the highly sensationalized "tabloids". Once relegated solely to pulp newsprint, this form of idiot-journalism has now moved into television with personalities like Geraldo Rivera, Morton Downey, Jr. and a growing number of other slime merchants. Owing to the prejudice toward this kind of journalism shared by intellectuals, academicians and the celebrities who frequently decry being victimized by the tabloids, such exposure has tended to desensitize the American Public to the potential seriousness of the UFO issue. Since tabloids seem to be written stylistically by and for the lunatic fringe, then UFOs are seen broadly as the purview of lunatics exclusively.

If one wanted deliberately to denigrate an issue, to relegate it to the trash heap of pop culture, one could not do so more completely than to insure that the issue falls into the hands of *The Star* or *The National Enquirer* or Geraldo Rivera! Perhaps a case could be made for the UFO evidence having been delivered over to garbage journalism by *design* as a method of discrediting it.

We know, for example, that at the beginning of his involvement with the subject, the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, later Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, was employed by the United States Air Force with Project Blue Book to "debunk" all "flying saucer" sightings. His famous "Swamp Gas" conclusion has lived in the popular mythos long after the good Doctor's formal recantation of it. And, in spite of some of the general popularizing of the subject in films like *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *E.T.*, Johnny Carson, David Letterman and other television talk show heroes, still get comic mileage out of poking fun at UFO investigators, "swamp gas" and the frequent loonies who claim to be incarnate space ships or to own condos on Venus. If the tabloids were not paid off to run as many misleading, bizarre stories on UFOs and UFO Fringies as possible, always making these tales appear to be from or about some dimwit in the hinterlands, then they may as well have been.

Deliberate deception, Machiavellian conspiracy, coincidence or just the luck of the draw ... whatever the reason, the resultant tabloid "sleaze factor" is a handicap for any scholar wishing to engage in research into what is, in fact, a fascinating and deliciously intricate field worthy of serious study.

I am a scholar, a card-carrying Ph.d., and a university professor in a department of Journalism and Broadcasting. Some years ago I was an officer in the United States Air Force, the first officer in the photography career field, by the way, to be awarded the Air Force Guided Missile Insignia; the "Missile Badge".

Those are facts. Another fact is that I have been a participant in an *official United States Government-ordered UFO cover up*. I've been ridiculed by some of my colleagues in academia because in 1982 I wrote an article about this cover up and it appeared in *The National Enquirer*. It was not my intention to become a tabloid writer then or now. *The Enquirer* turned out to be the *only* publication I could find which was interested in printing the article at all. Both academic and mainstream journals and periodicals turned it down cold over the period of nearly a year during which I submitted and resubmitted it. I was told by editor after editor that UFO stories weren't "publishable". I thought the story was important then. That's why I let a tabloid publish it. I still think it's important. That's why I responded to the invitation to write it for this journal.

So much for preamble about the press.

Big Sur Background

Six years then, after it first broke, here is my report on what we photographed at Big Sur along with some of what has happened since 1982 in plain, unheroic, non-sensational, unexpurgated and non-tabloidized English.

I earned the "Missile Badge" for making a "significant contribution to America's Missile and Space Program", so the citation read, while I was Officer-in-Charge of Photo-optical Instrumentation in the 1369th Photographic Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California from May, 1963 to May, 1966. My work in establishing a long range tracking site at Big Sur, California, in large part is what convinced the Air Force to give me that cherished award. The cir-

cumstances that took me to the "Missile Badge" ceremony as well as to that lovely and mysterious bulge of California coastline known as the Big Sur ended up changing my mind about a number of things, including the nature of our government, the nature of my personal belief systems and the nature of the universe.

It began with a man named Kingston A. George. "King" George had the title of Operations Analyst for Headquarters, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division. The engineers, civilian and military, whose job it was to evaluate the instrumentation photography which we provided on every missile launch down the Western Test Range, were unhappy, he said. Shooting tracking footage from Vandenberg only provided a look up the "tailpipe" of the missile. What George said they wanted was a side look at all stages of powered flight. This side-look was not possible from any place on the base. Because of the tortured California coastline, such a view was possible from one spot, Big Sur.

Topographically, Big Sur is both north and west of Vandenberg. We reasoned that we might get the shot the engineers wanted if we could get high enough to provide both a line-of-sight to the base and to put us well above the offshore fog bank which blankets the California shoreline much of the year. Because of the 124-mile distance from Vandenberg to Big Sur, the final things needed were a lens with a very long focal length, a recording device capable of enhancing the image and a tracking system on which to mount them.

According to George, such a device was built and ready to go. It was the Boston University telescope, owned by the Air Force Eastern Test Range (AFETR) at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida and under the direction of Mr. Walter Manning in the Aerospace Sciences Division at AFETR. The optical segment of the device was a folded Gregorian telescope with a 24-inch diameter objective mirror and a 240-inch focal length. The lens apparatus was sealed from the air and insulated against heat and cold. A set of Barlow extenders could yield effective focal lengths of from 480 to *2,400* inches. (The normal focal length lens for a 35 mm camera is about two inches!)

The light sensing element of the instrument was an image orthicon (television) tube. The I.O. could enhance the optical image, convert it to a series of electrical signals and display it on a Kinescope where it was photographed with 35 mm motion picture film. Because the I.O. had remarkably low noise, the gain could be "cranked" quite high to record very low light level objects. Such a device could record sources of light emission or reflection which were tens of times too weak for detection by other photographic methods.

The B.U., as it was called, was ideal for the purpose. One of the primary goals of our mission, according to George, was to provide information on the "minute events following propellant depletion — at distances of from *300* to *800* nautical miles" (italics mine).

If we could find a level place, accessible to the B.U. (not easy, considering that the scope with its tracker was just a little smaller than a conventional moving van and had to be hauled by a heavy duty, cross-country type diesel truck) and see the missile through a haze well enough to lock in on it with the tracking mount, we still had one problem left. Engineering sequential photography is of little use to the viewer without the addition of timing marks on the film. This time code received from Wheeling, West Virginia tagged each individual frame of film with a reference point in real time to the moment of engine ignition and launch. The coded pips of light were recorded in the sound track area of the film by an exciter lamp driven by the signals from WWV. On the base, timing signals were sent to the cameras by hardliners from the blockhouse. Running a line to Big Sur with the necessary amplifiers would have been too costly, particularly for what was only a feasibility test. We had to try something else. The solution was really very simple.

On June 10, 1964 I led a group of people to the aerie I had discovered earlier near Anderson Peak at an elevation of 3,400 feet on a Forest Service fire trail, 9 miles into the woods and uphill from Highway 1 in Big Sur. With me on that sunny summer day were my NCOIC, Chief Master Sergeant Ike N. Davis, Jr., NCOIC of my Tracking Section, Staff Sergeant Jules Devine, Kingston A. George, with a Technical Sergeant Porter from 1st STRATAD and a Mr. Paulson from Patrick Air Force Base at Cape Kennedy. All of us agreed that the truck could certainly pull the B.U. up to this site with no trouble. Could we now get timing pips to it?

We had with us that day a portable radio transceiver which we used at Vandenberg to communicate from my office to the mobile vehicles and our tracking sites on base. At Vandenberg I had Airman First Class Joseph Williams standing by. He had wired the output of one of the timing signals to an identical transceiver to the one I had. At my command he activated the radio and transmitted flawless timing signals to us at Big Sur, just as we had in a test weeks earlier. All that was necessary with the B.U. would be to patch-in our receiver to its timing signal input on the 35 mm motion picture camera. Timing was no problem. There was happiness on the site and my "Missile Badge" was assured that day.

On August 28, 1964, I led a convoy up the Pacific Coast Highway through Pismo Beach, past Hearst Castle at San Simeon and into what would be history. Technical Sergeant Thomas Dodd was my NCOIC for the remote site. He would operate our standard M-45 tracking mount with conventional 33 mm Mitchell film cameras to compare with the results of the B.U. Telescope. AIC Joseph Williams was along to handle communications and timing. AIC Daryl Winters was also along. As a sad sideline, Winters would become the first and only Air Force photo man to be killed in action in Vietnam a little over two years later. Our Air Force troop camped at the preselected fire-trial turnout near the summit of Anderson Peak, set up our M-45 and waited.

On August 31, 1964 the B.U. Telescope arrived on site with its truck and its caravan of people for a 30-day test period. Walt Manning was with it along with a crew of three operators and one supervisor. We were also joined by two people from Vandenberg: Chief Warrant Officer Guy M. Spooner from the Operations Section of the 1369th and Major Florenz J. Mansmann from 1st STRATAD. With a celebratory air, the B.U. was set in place and made ready to perform. Mansmann and Spooner went back to Vandenberg. The rest of us settled in to prepare for the first of what would be a total of 11 launches from the base during the 30-day test. Nine of these would be photographed through a major portion of powered flight by both the B.U. Telescope operating with effective focal lengths ranging from 1200 inches to an average of 720 inches, and with the conventional cameras and shorter lenses of the 1369th's M-45 mount.

Left to right: CWO Guy M. Spooner, Lt. Bob Jacobs (author), Mr. Paulson from AFETR, and Major Florenz J. Mansmann.

The Incident

One of these launches would inspire an official government cover up and provoke an investigation and search for the filmed record which goes on to this day. Here is what happened.

To the best of my recollection and based on sketchy records, the date of the event was most probably either September 2nd, 3rd, or 15th, 1964. The launch was of an Atlas missile. It was an Atlas-F as I recall strongly, but it may possibly have been an Atlas-D. The flight was in support of the Nike-Zeus objectives. Nike-Zeus was one of the United States' projects to develop an anti-missile missile. This particular mission was part of a test of an enemy radar-defeating system. The whole program in hind-sight seems very primitive, possibly futile and even a bit silly. Nearly a quarter of a century ago in 1964 it was deadly serious business.

At the Big Sur tracking site we were ready to go as the countdown from Vandenberg progressed loud and clear on our radio. At the call of "ignition . . . lift off" all cameras rolled and scanned to the south-east for something to photograph. "There it is!", I shouted out as the Atlas leaped through the snow-white coastal fog blanket and both tracking mounts homed-in on the majestic "bird" in flight. The big Atlas could not have been more clean, clear and majestic. We were "Go" for the operation.

The magnification of the B.U. was truly impressive. The exhaust nozzles and lower third of the Atlas missile literally filled the frame at this distance of over 100 nautical miles. With one tracking mount operator on azimuth and one on elevation working completely manually, it was not easy to keep the image centred in the early stages of flight. As the nosecone package approached T + 400 seconds, sufficient angle of view had been established that we were literally locked down with the whole inflight package centred in the frame. No one on the site was watching the screen by this point. Our mission to provide the engineers with a side look at three stages of powered flight had been accomplished and we were a very happy bunch, congratulating each other and letting the film run out in the 35 mm motion picture camera focused on the Kinescope.

I took the cans of exposed film and headed down the coast to Vandenberg and our laboratory. Processing of the film would occur that night and the results would be ready for viewing the next day.

Men in Grey

I was back at my desk enjoying the feeling of accomplishment from the Big Sur expedition when I was called by Major Mansmann, who asked me to come right away to his office at the Headquarters building. When I arrived, I found a movie projector set up in the office and a group of people waiting.

Crew posed in front of the B.U. Telescope at the Big Sur, California site. Front Row, l to r: A1C Joseph Williams, T.Sgt. Thomas Dodd, Lt. Bob Jacobs (author). Second Row: A1C Daryl Winters, Mr. Paulson, Unidentified B.U. Operator, Major Florenz J. Mansmann, and CWO-4 Guy M. Spooner. Third Row: Unidentified B.U. operator, Kingston A. George and Top, Unidentified B.U. operator.

Among these I recall two men in plain grey suits who spoke little and watched me intently as the lights were dimmed and the film played on a bright screen. (Mansmann has since stated that there were actually three men present.)

It was a surprise and a delight for me to be seeing the kinescope recording from Big Sur after all the months of planning and weeks of work. I was quite amazed and very pleased with the quality, especially at the distance involved as we could make out quite plainly the separated nosecone, the radar experiment and the dummy warhead all sailing along beautifully about 60 miles straight up from planet Earth and some 300 to 500 nautical miles down range. As we neared the end of the camera run, Mansmann said, "Watch carefully now, Lieutenant Jacobs."

At that point the most remarkable vision of my life came on the screen. Another object *flew into the frame* from left to right. It approached the warhead package and *manoeuvred around it.* That is, this . . . "thing" . . . flew a relative polar orbit around our warhead package which was itself heading toward the South Pacific at some 18 thousand miles an hour!

As the new object circumnavigated our hardware, it emitted four distinct bright flashes of light at approximately the 4 cardinal compass points of its orbit. These flashes were so intense that each "strike" caused the I.O. tube to "bloom" or form a halo around the spot. Following this remarkable aerial display, the object departed the frame in the same direction from which it had come. The shape of the object was that of the classic "flying saucer". In the middle of the top half of the object was a dome. From that dome, or just beneath it, seemed to issue a beam of light which caused the flashes described.

Subsequently the warhead malfunctioned and tumbled out of suborbit hundreds of miles short of its target. This . . . unidentified flying . . . "thing" . . . had apparently "shot down" an American dummy atomic warhead!

The lights came on and Major Mansmann said, "Lieutenant Jacobs, were you or any of your people fooling around up there at Big Sur?"

"No sir," I answered honestly. I was shaking with excitement.

"Then tell me . . . what the Hell was that?"

I looked Major Mansmann straight in the eye. "It looks to me like we got a UFO," I said.

There was a stifling silence among the men in grey, civilian suits who continued to stare at me. Major Mansmann gave them what I can only describe as a "let me handle this" look.

Cover Up

"Well," he smiled cordially, "let's just say it never happened. You are to say nothing about this footage to anyone. As far as you and I are concerned, this never took place, you understand?"

I looked at the men in grey suits. They were not smiling. I felt hot and anxious. I was sweating badly. I think I just sat for a minute looking blankly at Major Mansmann. I had just seen the most fantastic event of my life. It etched a path in my memory as deep as the one put there almost a year earlier when President John F. Kennedy had been shot to death in Dallas. I wanted more than anything to see it again, to study it under a magnifier, to analyze the pictures frame by frame.

Major Mansmann did smile, nicely. "I don't need to remind you of the seriousness of a security breach, do I Lieutenant?", he asked.

"No sir," I replied.

"Good," he said, motioning for me to stand.

I stood.

He walked me to the door, speaking confidentially. "What you saw did not take place," he repeated. "It never happened."

I looked at him once more. Something flickered way back deep in his eyes as he again looked at the men in grey then back to me.

"But ... if at some time in the future," Florenz Mansmann said finally, "you are pressed by someone about this and you can't get out of answering, just tell them ... tell them it was flashes from laser tracking, O.K.?"

And with that, I was ushered out the door and into over a decade of silence on the subject. Never mind that in 1964 we did not have laser tracking, nor did we or any other power on Earth have spacecraft capable of flying circles around a suborbital capsule. I tried to sublimate the whole incident out of loyalty and respect for Florenz Mansmann whom I liked a great deal. While I did not talk about the event with anyone, I did begin a period of intense research into the UFO phenomena.

My research interest in the field continues to the present. Of particular fascination is the relationship of the press to the UFO. This great, liberal bastion of free enquiry, this body of muckrackers which prides itself so higly on prodding and upsetting political figures, has played very prettily into the hands of those same government minions who wish to obfuscate the whole field of discovery, discussion and debate about the most perplexing and possibly most important scientific conundrum in the history of our species. While chasing after Pulitzer Prizes for such relatively petty mischief as political dirty tricks at Watergate, or poor old Gary Hart and his happy harlots or the hapless Dan Quayle and his colourless, but merely mediocre background, The Press has persistently missed one of the really imperative stories of our time.

Goes Public

I told my small portion of it first, tentatively, on a late night talk show which I hosted in 1973 on station KFMI-FM. The response I got to my revelation was almost as astonishing as had been the event itself. My program director, Richard Van Pelt, came forth to tell his own tale of a CE3K which happened to him while he was an Air Force Security NCO in Iceland 20 years earlier. A university physics professor at California State University, Humboldt who had worked on the H-bomb project came forth to tell about his firm belief in the extraterrestrial nature of UFOs. Since then I have met a number of other people whom I respect, whom I know not to be "fringies" or cranks or crackpots, but who share common experiences with UFO sightings and encounters.

And, finally, in 1982, I decided that my story *needed* to be aired to a broader audience. Eighteen years had gone by. I could not get it out of my mind after all that time. Then, first in the trade journals, later in the popular press, there were hints of a new weapon system in the offing. It was some kind of satellite-smasher we were told. Soon we would hear President Reagan himself disrobe the rumours and give us Star Wars (SDI). There were the rumours of aircraft being built which were invisible to radar (some said to the human eye, as well!). "Stealth", they were called. It is significant to recall that until very recently, the Air Force denied that *they* existed too! There were persistent stories of something called Project Snowbird where American pilots were being shown how to operate captured (or donated) alien space-craft. Something about the Big Sur film seemed to be part of the overall pattern. I held back writing my story because of the Security angle until the truth occured to me. There was no "security breach" in this story. The damm thing had never been "Classified SECRET" or anything else. I had been told simply that it "NEVER HAPPENED"! Therefore, I was free to tell the story to whomever I pleased since it was about a *non-event* officially.

I wrote my article. I shopped it around. In the end *The National Enquirer* published it. And as now retired Major Florenz J. Mansmann put it, "Jacobs opened Pandora's Box."

I was contacted by a variety of investigators, buffs, cranks, proponents and detractors alike. James Oberg, a frequent "mouthpiece" for certain NASA projects and self-styled UFO Debunker wrote to disparage my story and to ask provocatively, "Since you obviously feel free to discuss top secret UFO data, what would you be willing to say about other top secret aspects of the Atlas warhead which you alluded to briefly . . .?" I told Mr. Oberg where to put his misplaced cynicism.

Mansmann, now a Ph.D research consultant at Stanford and a farmer near Fresno, California, was besieged with requests for information, and for his version of what happened. My respect and admiration for him was vindicated as he categorically verified my account.

Conclusions

Academicians first gather data, then postulate conclusions based on what they find. From what I have gathered first hand (primary evidence), pieced together from Mansmann, from a fine researcher named Lee M. Graham, from contemplation, discussion and debate of the material, as well as from the Air Force position on this and other related matters, I have come to the following conclusions:

(1) What we photographed that September day in 1964 was a solid, three-dimensional, intelligently controlled flying device.

(2) It emitted a beam of energy, possibly a plasma beam, at our dummy warhead and caused a malfunction.

(3) This "craft" was not anything of which our science and technology in 1964 was capable. The most probable explanation of the device, therefore, is that it was of extraterrestrial origin.

(4) The flashing strikes of light we recorded on film were not from laser tracking devices. Such devices did

not exist then aside from small scale, laboratory models.

(5) Most probably the B.U. Telescope was brought out to California specifically to photograph this event which had been prearranged. That is, we had been set up to record an event which someone in our Government knew was going to happen in advance.

(6) What we photographed that day was the first terrestrial demonstration of what has come to be called S.D.I. or "Star Wars". The demonstration was put on for our benefit for some reason by extraterrestrials. It is this aspect of the event, not merely the recording of another "flying saucer" which caused such consternation both on the part of Major Mansmann when he told me "it never happened", and on behalf of the government in its two and one half decade cover up of the event and the record we made of it.

It is this defence-orientated aspect of the case which has caused investigators to run into stone walls in trying to track down my story. The Air Force has alternately denied that I was ever an officer, that I was ever stationed at Vandenberg, that I was OIC of Photo-optical Instrumentation in the 1369th Photographic Squadron, that there was a tracking site at or near Big Sur, California, that an Atlas-F, or for that matter, any other missile was launched on or about the date or dates I reported.

Documentation

We have been able to verify through FOIA requests and my military records everything except the specific launch and the fact of its having been filmed. We have been told first that there were no launches, then that there were launches but no malfunctions. Herewith, for the first time I present the documentation for a mission malfunction in an official unclassified Air Force document which has finally surfaced in my collection of aging papers and books.

It was prepared by Kingston A. George, dated 13 Oct. 1964 and is entitled,

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS
STAFF STUDY

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON
IMAGE ORTHICON PHOTOGRAPHY
FROM BIG SUR

In this document, "King" George gives us a quick sketch of the whole Big Sur project, tells us that "Over the period of 30 days, from 31 August to 30 September, during which the Boston University telescope was ready to film launches, eleven flights were made from Vandenberg", that "a final report will be forthcoming in a few weeks with a complete description of the system and the operations over the past several weeks", that "a documentary film of about 30 minutes length containing several minutes of selected film clips will be assembled" and that *one powered-flight anomaly was observed* (italics mine), and the coverage of the flights has produced enough data to show that Big Sur photography could be an important adjunct to other instrumentation."

It is not clear whether or not Kingston George was privy to the screenings of the Big Sur film which recorded the UFO. My suspicion is that he was one of those to whom Mansmann has admitted showing the film. His document, however, states clearly that a missile malfunctioned during the B.U. test period, now putting the final lie to the Air Force denials.

That is my story. It is from my own experiences, recollections, records, and hands. You are free to interpret it as you like. As a footnote I need to comment, I suppose, on the cover up. I do not believe that anyone is going to succeed in getting the film on an F.O.I.A. request. I have been asked to make such a request myself and refuse to do so. Eric Mishara, Lee Graham, T. Scott Crain, Jr. and others have done so and have run into the wall of futility. I don't believe that anyone can succeed in getting the film because the fact of its existence will have been completely expunged from the records by now.

Investigators who encounter negative replies from the Air Force, from representatives who are at Vandenberg now are not necessarily being deceived deliberately. Nearly 25 years have passed and no one presently at the base has any personal recollection of the event, much less any official record of it. Consider the very limited number of people who saw the film in the first place and you will comprehend how simple it was to make it disappear.

Finally, if the government did officially "classify" the film either back then or subsequently, then perhaps there were/are compelling reasons for it to have done so. As the B-2 "Stealth" Bomber has now been unveiled publicly at last, we can contemplate the rationale for having kept *it* "classified" for so long. At some point, when no harm can come from the information, perhaps the film for which I was responsible that long ago September day in the cool, clear mountains of Big Sur will be made public, along with the possibly awesome technological power which the images recorded on it represented.

One significant fact remains. The experimental tracking site which I installed near Anderson Peak became a permanent location for missile tracking on the Western Test Range. Moved nearer the peak geographically and magnitudes better technically, it is there today. You see footage from it every time a Space Shuttle re-enters for a landing at Edwards Air Force Base. What else it records or has recorded and its ultimate purpose for being there is a matter for history, hopefully, to reveal.

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UFO REPORTS FROM LAKE EYRE (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

LAKE Eyre (Lat. 28° 30 S.; Long. 136° 45 E.), Australia's largest inland body of water, lies in the south-central part of the Continent and in the State of South Australia.

Like so many other remote places in the vast Australian "Outback", this region has had its steady quota of UFO reports and stories, and in recent issues we have given extensive coverage to Mr Paul Norman's detailed studies of the extraordinary experiences of the Knowles family on the Nullarbor Desert lying to the south-west of Lake Eyre, in the area (Lat. 30° 50 S.; Long. 129° 00 E.) where the territories of South Australia and Western Australia meet.

We are now indebted to FSR reader Mrs June Hill, of Carrington, Western Australia, who has sent us the following press account, which appeared in the *Sunday Times* of Western Australia on July 16, 1989:–

Mum tells of saucer terror

A mother and her two children fled in fright from a brightly-lit UFO near Hawker only 18 days after mystery markings in Lake Eyre were sighted.

And a second woman who picked up the terrified trio as they ran through the night on the Flinders Ranges road also saw the light and said it was bigger and brighter than the moon — but it was not the moon.

Mrs Beverley Schumann revealed her story yesterday.

Mrs Anita Lindblom, the woman who picked them up in her car, backed up the story and told how "the kids were screaming and clawing at my car door, trying to get in".

Their story follows the report of the Lake Eyre markings.

Recalling the experience, Mrs. Schumann said she had not known of the strange sighting at the lake 18 days before.

The UFO had appeared as a "very bright yellow light" while she and her two children, Jodie, then aged 11, and Jamie, 7, were driving to Hawker from a friend's house about 10.30 p.m.

"The light, which was very, very bright, looked as if it was coming down," Mrs Schumann said.

"I was so scared that I tried to turn the car around, but when I got across the road, the engine stopped and wouldn't start.

"By this stage I was really scared because the car lights still worked but the engine wouldn't turn over."

Mrs Schumann and her children jumped out of the car and ran along the road, away from the light and in the direction of the town.

Petrified

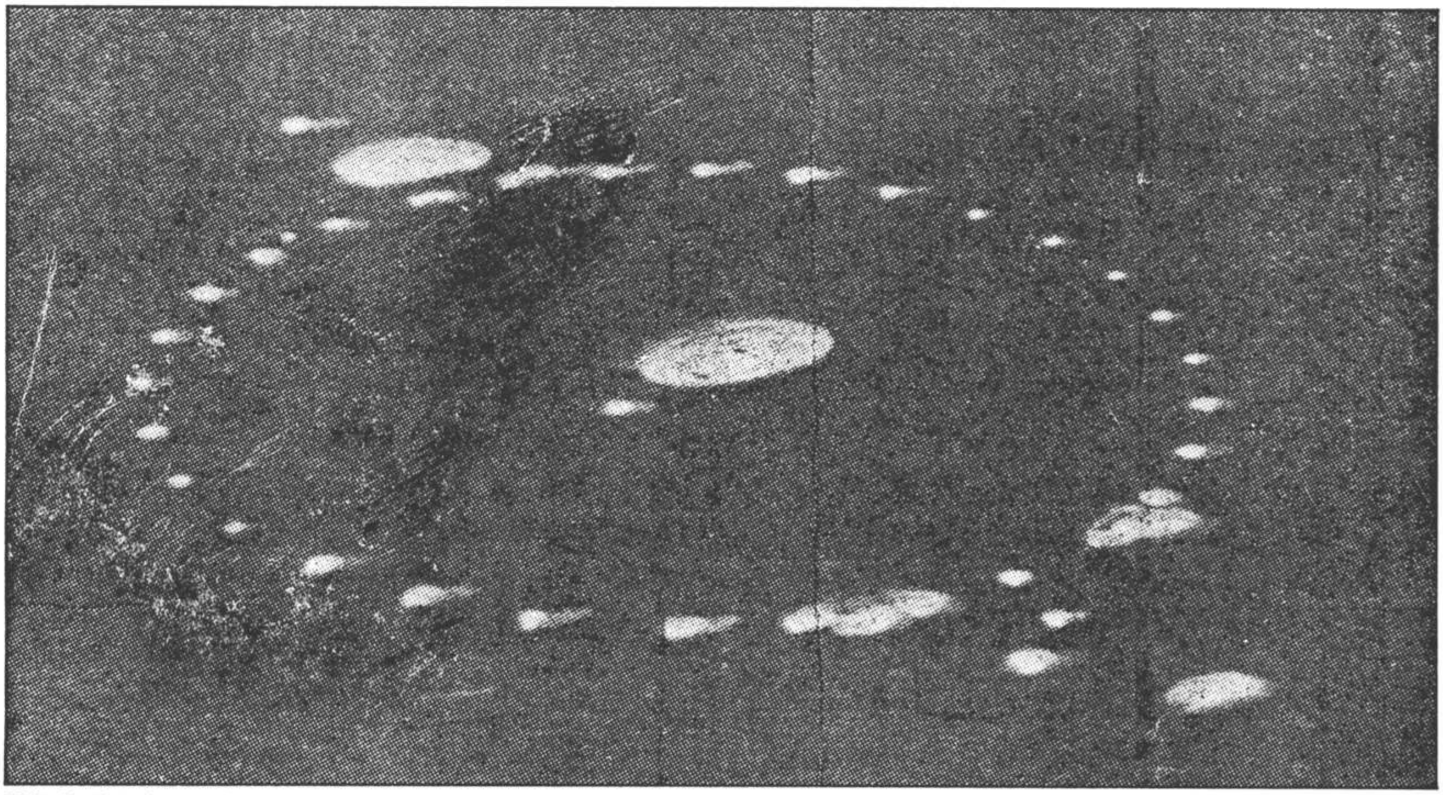
Within minutes they were picked up by Mrs Lindblom, who drove them back to their car.

"I don't remember the light after that but we were petrified," Mrs Schumann said. "Anita drove us back to our car, which started."

Mrs Lindblom said she had also seen the light while returning to Hawker.

"All I could see was big, round light which was bigger and brighter than the moon. Beverley's car was parked at a funny angle across the road and she was very frightened.

"The kids were screaming and clawing at my car door, trying to get in."



This is the dramatic slide shot 10 years ago and released only this week.

"Circles" at Lake Eyre ten years ago

Accompanying Mrs Beverley Schumann's story, in the same issue of the paper, we also read the following account of something that had occurred ten years earlier in the shallow waters of Lake Eyre:–

Flier reveals Lake 'UFO marks' photo. U.K. programme triggers Lake Eyre spaceship theories

A dramatic photograph of UFO-type markings on the bed of Lake Eyre has been made public — 10 years after it was shot.

The slide was taken around midday on January 2, 1979, by pilot Lewis Brice during a sightseeing flight.

A passenger on the flight, Jeff Findley, recalled the incident and produced the slide last week after seeing a TV programme about similar markings in a British cornfield.

He said the regular clockface-like markings with a central point, photographed from about 30m above the South Australian lake, showed "some phenomenon which has never been explained".

The circle in Lake Eyre had a diameter of about 30m and the indentations were in water about 30cm deep.

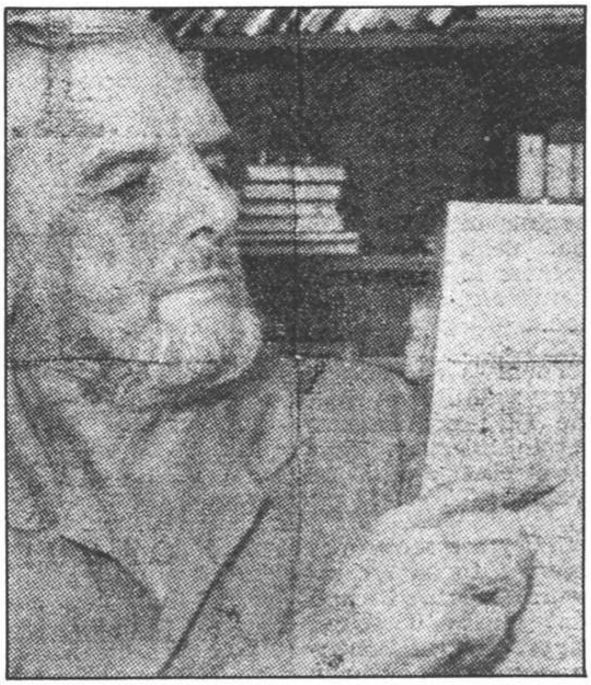
"I think the markings were caused by some terrific pressure of something taking off," he said.

"I don't know what it is but it's something that has the ability to take off and land and has terrific thrust."

Mr Findley said he owned the Outback Motel at Hawker when the photographs were taken. He now lives in Adelaide.

Mr Brice also told of the strange markings and how he photographed them. He said he had made regular flights in the area and had been on a scenic tour over the south-eastern corner of the lake.

"What I saw was a clockface with a central mound and a series of mounds in a circle around it," he said. It looked for all the world like little heaps of sand in pink water.



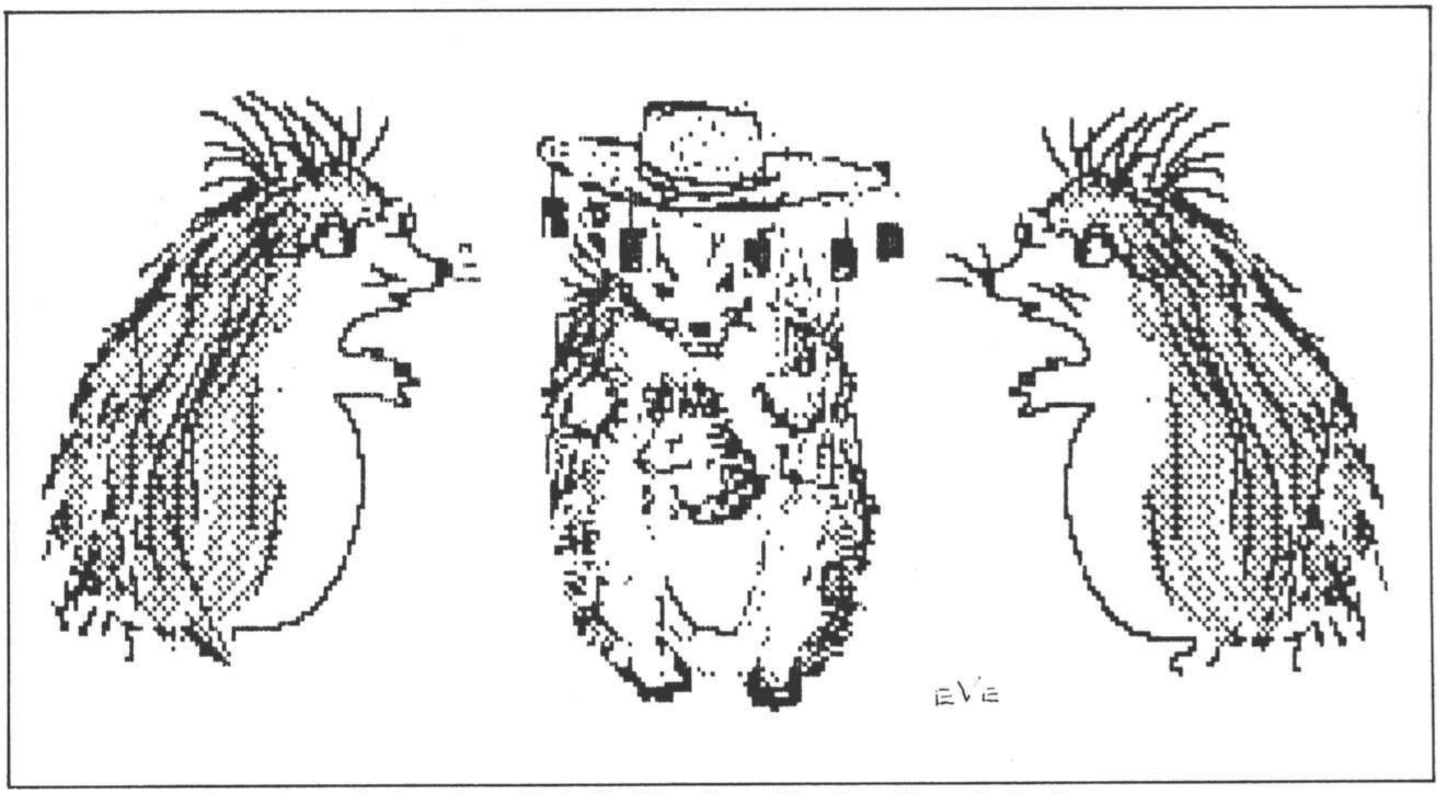
Jeff Findley . . . the spot on the map of Lake Eyre where the picture was taken.

"Some weeks later I flew over the lake again. I tried to find the area where I'd seen the markings but I didn't ever see them again."

Mr Findley sent the photograph to South Australian conservationist and Lake Eyre expert Mr Warren Bonython, who had made calculations about the size of the markings.

Mr Bonython said he cound not decide what the markings were. "However, it seemed that the white patches were consistent with the crystallisation of salt in shallow water on objects which were above the water," he said.

(Credit and thanks for both items to Mrs June Hill, Carrington, Western Australia.)



"Meet Sheila — She's Co-ordinator of our Circle Scribing Committee from Down Under."

THEY SAY THEY KNOW ALL OUR LANGUAGES!: A CE—IV CASE AT SOSPEL, SOUTH—EASTERN FRANCE (1983)

By Marc Tolosano, President of the UFO Research Centre, Menton.

(Translation from French)

We translate this fascinating case from LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT No. 299 (September/October 1989). The co-ordinates for Sospel are: Lat. 43° 52N.; Long. 7° 27E, in the Département of Alpes Maritimes, right on the Franco-Italian border and just above Ventimiglia.

The Menton Ufological Group (Centre de Recherches Ufologiques Mentonnais) was only formed early in 1989. A collaborator with Marc Tolosano on this case is the veteran French investigator Claude Dufour, whom older readers of FSR will remember for at least half a dozen excellent articles and reports in our Journal, and most particularly for his extraordinary study, translated and published by me in FSR 20/1 (1974), concerning the abnormal number of remarkable and unusual French people who were born on places along the famous "BAVIC (Bayonne-Vichy) Line".

Our warmest thanks and congratulations — as always — to LDLN and its members. — EDITOR

THE incident took place at a spot some three kms. from Sospel on Saturday, April 30, 1983. The house of the witness is built on a slope, and overlooks the river Merlansson.

The witness is a sixty-year-old woman, very dynamic and hard-working. To safeguard her anonymity, LDLN are withholding her name.

The Entities

At 2.00 a.m. this lady, Mme X, asleep in her usual bedroom, was awakened by a red ball, the size of a football. This ball vanished, and then suddenly there were four beings there.

These beings were tall (1 m 70 to 1 m 80), and very athletic. Their gait and bearing were similar to ours. They walked in leisurely, deliberate fashion.

Their faces were long and pale, the noses long and thin. The mouth too was very thin, and also long. Their eyes were blue and very elongated also. She was amazed at the position of the pupil in their eyes. It was not in the centre, but close to the inner corner of the eye. Mme X said it gave the impression that they were cross-eyed — which of course they were not. (The French report says that "in view of the size of their eyes, she thought the pupils might extend right through the eye from one end to the other", but we do not understand what is meant by this statement, which seems to be in complete contradiction to what she had just said about the position of the pupils. G.C.) (See sketch of entity.) Their eyebrows were blond.

Whereas all humans have a recess or identation at the point where the nose is joined to the forehead, this was, she said, non-existent in them. "It was just one single piece." Neither did they possess the little vertical furrow which we all have between our nose and our mouth. They did have teeth.

She did not see their hair, for their heads were covered by little skull-caps like those of frogmen, but with this difference: these skull-caps were not part of the whole one-piece suit, and merely covered the entire skull and ears. (Mme X said she could see on them slight bulges which might indicate ears.)

Their hands, gloveless, were soft and delicate and a little larger than normal human hands, with maybe "an impression" of softness about them, she thought.

The entities spoke French normally, and without accent. To her question: "Do you speak other languages?", they answered that they knew all the languages on Earth.

Croquis, par le témoin, de l'objet et de l'un de ses occupants.

"Parlez-vous d'autres langues ?", ils ont répondu qu'ils connaissaient toutes les langues de la Terre.

(Mme. X's sketch of craft and occupant)

The Encounter Develops

Mme X is unable to say whether her awakening came from herself, or whether something else jolted her out of her sleep.

When she caught sight of the red ball, her only thought was: *"It's ball lightning!"* So she at once tried to awaken her husband, who was beside her. But all in vain. He just carried on sleeping. This did not alarm her however, for she knew he was a heavy sleeper. So she got up and went into the adjoining room to let some air into the bedroom. Then she came back. *And found herself face to face with the four entities.*

Her husband was still sleeping . . .

Mme X felt no fear, but nevertheless she made one more effort to awaken her husband. And then the entities said: "It is useless. He is sleeping".

The four German shepherd dogs, who regularly give warning of anyone approaching, remained silent. These dogs, generally regarded as being very aggressive, had taken refuge under the bed! And, with their eyes starting

out of their heads, were looking out at the intruders!

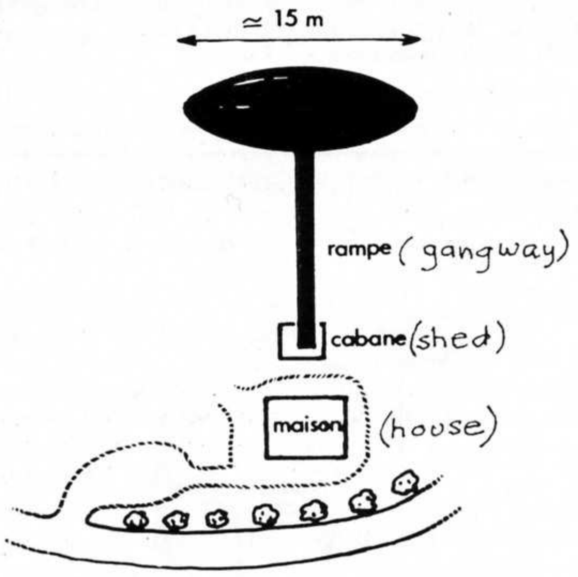
Calm and unruffled, Mme X now invited the visitors to be seated. One of them, who seemed to be the leader (for it was principally he who spoke to her) posed a question: *"Do you know who we are?"*

Mme X, who had noticed their slow gestures, replied: *"You're robots!" Amused, the entity stretched out his hand and said "Touch!" Then she perceived that this being was indeed made of flesh.*

"Then . . . You are extraterrestrials" . . . she said.

They answered in the affirmative.

On the question of the languages of the Earth, Mme X regrets today that she did not try to catch them out,



for she knows some foreign languages. But under the emotion of the moment, she did not think of this.

It is to be noted that *Mme X felt some difficulty in talking.* She had to make an effort in order to think and to formulate her questions. *Her willpower was as it were slowed down . . .*

Then, suddenly, the entities rose from their seats. They wanted to show the witness that they were well acquainted with our Planet. They went outside, and there a surprise awaited her: there were other entities out there in the courtyard of the house!

The four first entities hesitated at the courtyard; then they made a tour round the place, and finally returned into the house and into the room where they had first made their appearance. "Here it's fine", they said. "We are going to make a projection for you", and they all went outside again.

It should be mentioned that on the morning in question, April 30, a thick fog had descended on the area. It is also to be noted that Mme X was in her nightdress, and that at this period of the year it is generally cold in Sospel. Yet she herself was quite astonished to note, out there, that she was not feeling the nightime chill in the slightest.

In addition to Mme X and the first four intruders, there were now these other "extraterrestrials" present. Three of them were holding *black balls* in their hands.

And now, upon the fog, there began to pass a series of images about 3 m. high. And soon the entire history of the Earth had been related, from Prehistory right up to the Second World War!

Mme X saw "real films", retracing all our wars. Now the images would pass in procession, and now they would halt and remain stationary, like the images thrown by a projector. The dominant colour was sepia.

When Mme X said that she wasn't interested in wars, the entities told her that conflicts are all that our Earth knows, and that they themselves only know this planet in that light.

The witness continued to watch the images as they passed before her . . .

When one entity had finished pointing his black ball, another took over and started projecting, to the right, or to the left, so that at one moment Mme X feared she would develop a crick in the neck.

The black balls emitted no beams of light.

When the projection was finished, Mme X went into the house again, accompanied by the four entities. Her husband was still asleep, and the dogs had not stirred.

She attempted to ask some questions — on matters of interest to her, and of interest to scientists — about Time, about distances, and about other such matters. *Their only reply in every case was to say that she would not be able to understand.* She also asked why her visitors were *"all men". They replied that sometimes women do accompany them, but not on this occasion.*

Mme X was still totally without any sensation of fear. She was indeed even happy, and invited them to eat, to drink, and to smoke. Smiling courteously, they declined, promising her, however, that on their next visit they would dine together with her.

Meanwhile, during this discussion, some of them were putting their heads out through a window, as though to check that everything was all right.

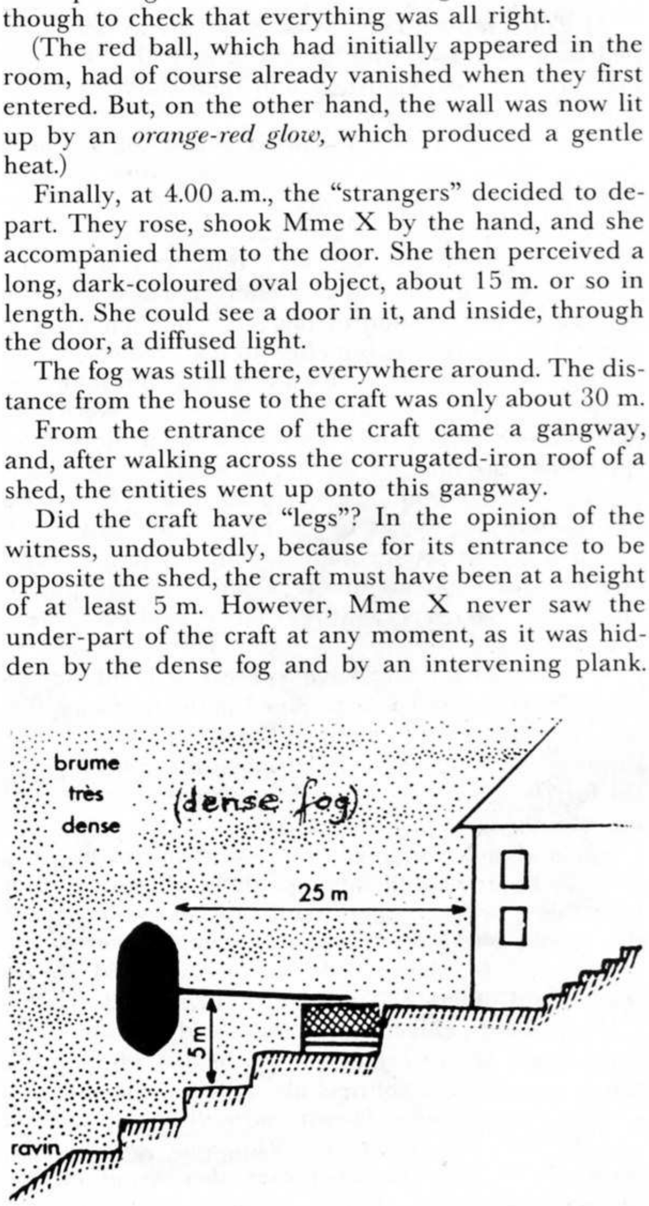
(The red ball, which had initially appeared in the room, had of course already vanished when they first entered. But, on the other hand, the wall was now lit up by an *orange-red glow,* which produced a gentle heat.)

Finally, at 4.00 a.m., the "strangers" decided to depart. They rose, shook Mme X by the hand, and she accompanied them to the door. She then perceived a long, dark-coloured oval object, about 15 m. or so in length. She could see a door in it, and inside, through the door, a diffused light.

The fog was still there, everywhere around. The distance from the house to the craft was only about 30 m.

From the entrance of the craft came a gangway, and, after walking across the corrugated-iron roof of a shed, the entities went up onto this gangway.

Did the craft have "legs"? In the opinion of the witness, undoubtedly, because for its entrance to be opposite the shed, the craft must have been at a height of at least 5 m. However, Mme X never saw the under-part of the craft at any moment, as it was hidden by the dense fog and by an intervening plank.



To our question: *"Did you know that many objects, seen by numerous people all over the world, were able to remain stationary without any support of the standard type?"*, Mme X replied: "Ah, good. So that exists too?"

When the craft departed, she heard a faint whistle.

The encounter had lasted from 2.00 a.m. to 4.00 a.m.

Mme X went back to bed, and at once began to wonder whether she ought not perhaps to inform the local priest and the Gendarmerie? But she quickly came to the conclusion that it would be better not to tell anyone, for fear of being regarded as mad. She even told her husband nothing.

Then suddenly her heart began to pound violently, and she was seized by an indescribable panic such as she had never previously experienced.

Fifteen days later, she received a visit by a woman friend who, having recently been bereaved, was going through a period of depression. This woman told Mme X that she often prayed that she might see some Extraterrestrials just once . . .

Mme X at once reacted: *"If you're praying to see them — well, I can tell you that, without any praying, I have seen them!"*

It was through this that ultimately, via Monsieur Claude Dufour, we gained knowledge of this case.

Two months after the episode, a neighbour who is interested in flying saucers photographed what he thought was a landing-trace. According to Mme X, however, this trace had not been produced by "her object". In fact the latter had not left any trace-marks, and his photograph had been taken somewhere further down in the district.

One interesting detail reported by Mme X is that, on the shoulders of their overalls, she had noticed that the entities were wearing small bars, coloured green and yellow, *"like badges of rank"*.

The entities had promised Mme X that they would return six months later. But they have not done so. Mme X, waiting for them, had started to get very frightened, and had even had a higher bed built, and barricaded herself in, in expectation of the Days of the End.

Nevertheless she has stood the experience pretty well. And she is still amazed, thinking of their kindness, their amiability, their smiles. She thought they were handsome, and she still asks herself the question: "Why did they choose *me?*".

Previously, she had never even dreamed of the possibility of such an encounter. Today, she looks up at the sky a bit more frequently, with a certain hope. She has prepared, "in her head" some questions, for she has a thirst to know. She won't be taken unawares next time . . .

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, and so he takes this opportunity to thank all who write to him.

Parapsychology, etc.

Dear Editor, — Since our last long talk on parapsychology I have had a few further thoughts on the matter which may be of interest to you.

It seems to me that there are two forms of *"psychism"*. One is where the energy that causes the phenomenon comes from the unseen, and operates through a person (i.e., *mediumship* in its broadest sense). Matthew Manning and Uri Geller would seem to fit into this group. In this type, the medium would not seem to have full and free control over his psychism, since if he were to try to do something that *"They"* didn't want, I doubt if it would occur. He is, therefore, to a greater or a lesser extent, *a tool*.

The second kind of psychism is, to my mind, that found in *yogis* and in some *lamas*, where the psychic energy is generated and guided *within* the person or *adept*. They have full control over its use, within the laws of the energy involved. Madame Alexandra David-Neel and Gurdjieff would, I think, be examples of this type of psychism.

I suspect that this explains why Gurdjieff did not think highly of H.P. Blavatsky, as she was of the "mediumistic" type, whereas his own psychism was *"I-centred"*.

If a person has ability in the mediumistic type of psychism, and decides to develop it, I would expect that results could be obtained far more quickly than by the Yogi/Lama methods. *Shamanism* seems to me to be largely mediumistic — this is especially clear from Carlos Castaneda's books.

Western Occultism would seem to be a mixture of the two approaches. (I would suspect, however, that, since the mediumistic approach produces results more rapidly, it is the one that predominates today.)

The problem with the mediumistic approach is, of course, that one cannot guarantee *who* or *what* will "come through". In the Western Occult set-up, the ritual side of their ceremonies would, I think, be designed to "clear the air" of degenerates, and, hopefully, make a link with a higher level — the *"Inner Circle"?*

I was pondering on the idea of mediumship and the fact that, as mortals, we have the choice of contact or no-contact with the Unseen (assuming that one knows how to "open up" and to "close down"). Therefore I think it quite likely that one of the reasons for incarnating might be to escape from a karmic connection with one particular group in the Unseen. Since, if one studies and develops one's *"I"* before opening up to the Unseen, one can be selective about who or what "comes through", and, with experience, one may perhaps be able to make contact with a higher or more helpful group in the Unseen.

My reason for saying this is that I suspect that, if an individual simply "opens up", and "takes what comes", he is very likely *(quite apart from the obvious chance of getting degenerates)* to get entities who have been connected with him before. And if this connection is allowed to continue, he may have lost the chance of using this incarnation for his own progress — i.e., he will have "fallen back in with the same old crowd". (Perhaps some of the people involved in the current "channelling craze" might do well to bear this in mind!)

This same idea might also explain some aspects of the Hindu concept of *"escaping from the Wheel of Karma"*. Maybe one has the possibility of changing to a more constructive place on the Wheel, or even to a different Wheel!

I suspect that one of the reasons why, in the UFO/psychic field, people don't often connect with "Goodies", is that the latter may well exist at a higher vibratory rate than the "JINN" — i.e., in the "Astral" Level rather than the "Etheric".

Since the *"Etheric"* is, in my experience, quite close, in its vibration rate, to what people call *"intuition"*, it is the easiest and first level with which one connects. I anticipate that it takes greater effort, experience, and skill, to connect with the finer and higher levels where, it would seem, the "Goodies" are to be found. (I suspect that, although what would seem to be "Goodies" often call themselves *"Etherians"*, this term is used in a general sense, meaning *"Beings from the Unseen"* rather than, specifically, *"Beings from the 'Etheric'"*).

With regard to interference in human affairs by unseen entities, there is this business of *"white and black magic"*, *"white magic"* being where the person or persons being "treated" give their consent, and *"black magic"* being

the cases where they are ignorant of the forces being applied.

At first I could not understand why, if the JINN influence certain people or certain groups in a negative way, the "Goodies" could not be able to influence others in a *positive* way — but then it occurred to me that both sides would then (by my description given above) be employing *black* magic. And since it is often asserted that it is *"against Cosmic Law"* for the "Goodies" to act in such a fashion, the only possibility that they have is to teach or guide us *at our own level,* or to help us *if we request it.*

It would follow therefore, that the JINN must surely have a far greater scope for influence over human affairs, seeing that there are presumably no limits to their sorts of activities!

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February 14, 1989.

"The Great Martian Scare"

Dear Mr Creighton, — To my great surprise I found, in FSR 34/3 (Sept. 1989), your complete translation of my two-part article *"La Grande Paura di . . . due Ufologi Pentiti",* published originally in issues 166 and 167 of the *"Giornale dei Misteri".*

I do thank you for your having paid so much attention to the article in question, and for your appreciation of my criticism of the Barthel/Brucker book. Your English translation will permit many more people to read my opinions than the Italian text has done so far (since the Italian language is hardly known outside Italy).

I also wish to congratulate you on your excellent translation: it reproduces exactly the sense of my text.

I think my article will give rise to praises as well as to complaints, according to the different ufological creeds. In fact, I have already received three letters from France, two of which favourable, one opposed to my opinions. In any case I do confirm that the ufological reliability of Barthel/Brucker is definitively compromised. As you surely know, they reached the zenith of impudence by publishing, in the French UFO review *"OVNI Présence",* (No. 33/34, Dec. 1985), an article entitled *"La Grande Peur . . . Version Italienne",* in which they tried to demolish the whole 1954 Italian UFO Wave by quoting only 21 Italian cases (out of over 400!) and disqualifying them without knowing them at all. I showed all this in the *"Giornale dei Misteri,* No. 176, of May 1986.

I take the opportunity of wishing you and the FSR all the best. *Ad Maiora!*

Sincerely yours,
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"Science" and the UFOs

Dear Editor, — We're with you! The "purely scientific" way has never solved the UFO mystery and it won't solve the "crop circles" mystery either. A pity it is, though, that some people have to resort to cynicism, even maliciousness.

The masses may be "asleep", but an increasing number of people are realizing the existence of the *supersensible* in the sense world. We must hope it's not too late!

Yours sincerely,
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"Like the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle"?

Dear Mr Creighton, — Goodness — aren't we seeing events now! I can't see how the events in Europe can be a prelude to peace at all. I think, rather, the beginning of the great slide into Chaos has begun. And I'd say Western Europe next. I have just re-read your Editorial in FSR Vol. 30, No. 5 (June 1985). Your analogy with the people who compiled the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles is an apt one. You could repeat that Editorial in your next issue, and it would still apply — perhaps even more so.

As for what you have said about the alleged revelations* of John Lear and Bill Cooper and others, perhaps some people would be interested to hear more about these claims. But to you it is all *work.* We expect so much, but, as usual, the work falls onto the shoulders of so few. Thank you for your great efforts!

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* I hope that I will be able to say more soon — just as soon as I can feel a little more sure that all this terrifying stuff is reliable. *Otherwise, to say too much about it would be highly irresponsible.* — G.C.

Baffled Reader

Dear Mr Creighton, — In renewing my subscription to FSR, I would like to extend to you and all involved my gratitude for keeping such a splendid publication 'on the road'.

My fruitless efforts to enlist new readers continue however to attract only veiled ridicule or indifference, and I remain baffled.

Yours sincerely,
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Undeserved Approbation?

Dear Mr Creighton, — Best wishes for your publishing endeavours. (As always, the many* translated articles are of special interest in bringing to notice otherwise obscure foreign cases.)

Yours sincerely,
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*Mr Moravec must be mistaken. It was established as a fact, years ago, by J. Randles, that under my editorship FSR has contained nothing whatsoever of interest and that nobody anywhere reads it. — G.C.

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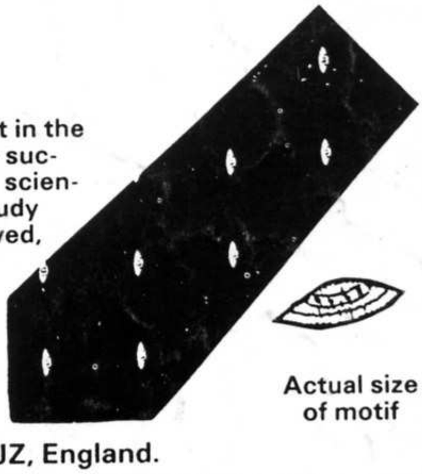

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